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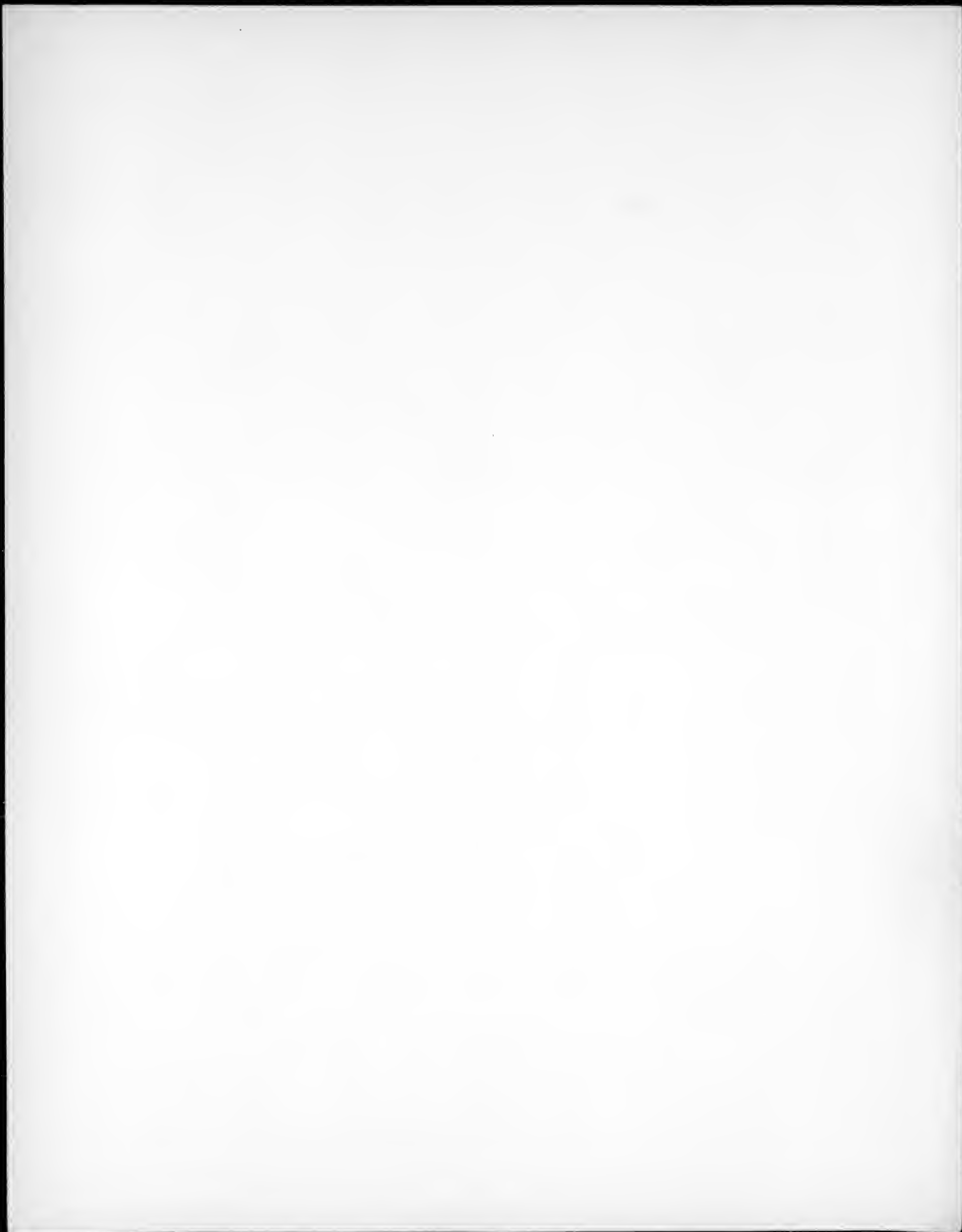
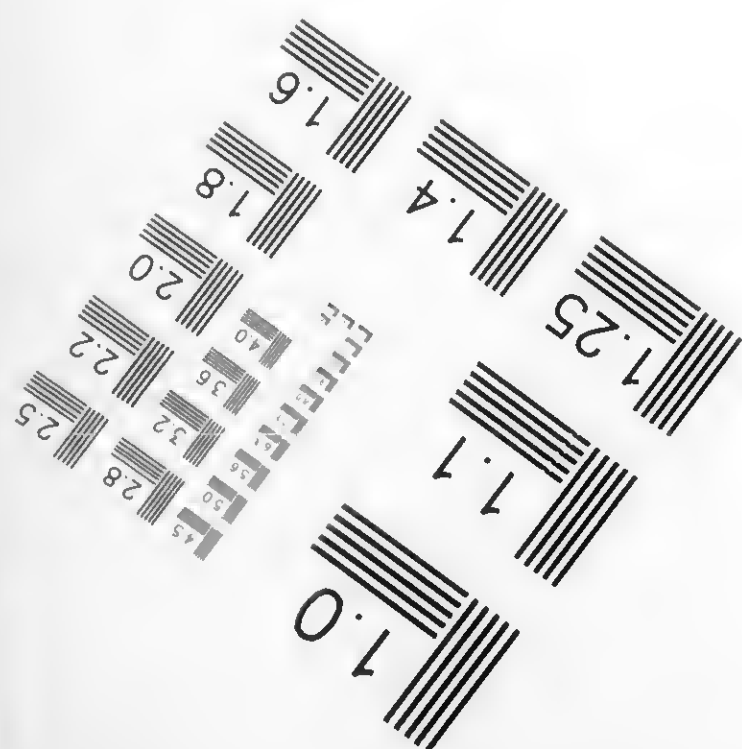
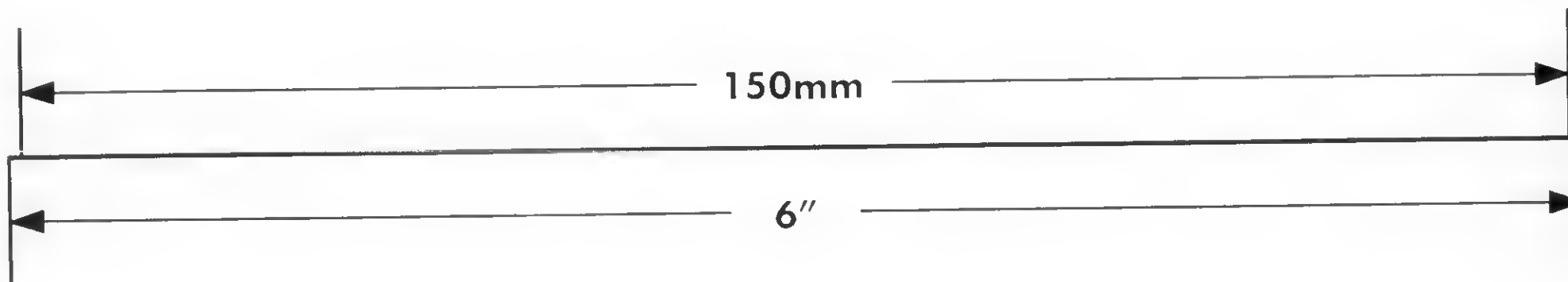
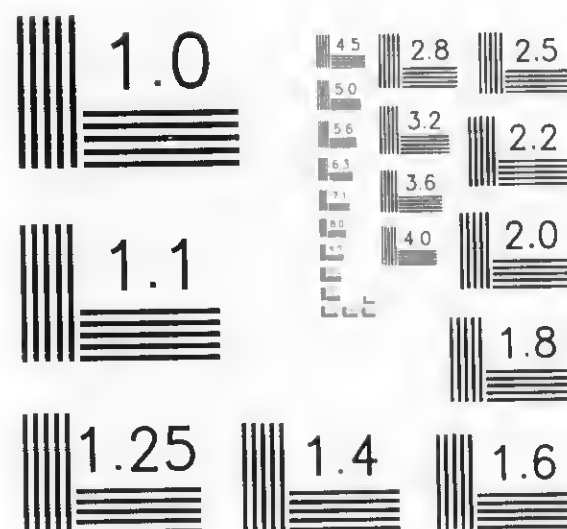
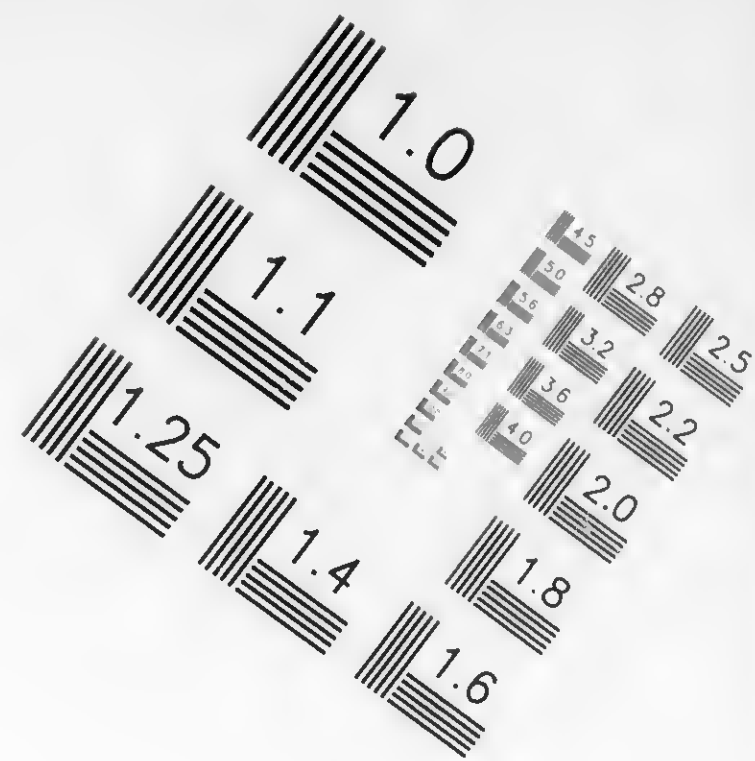
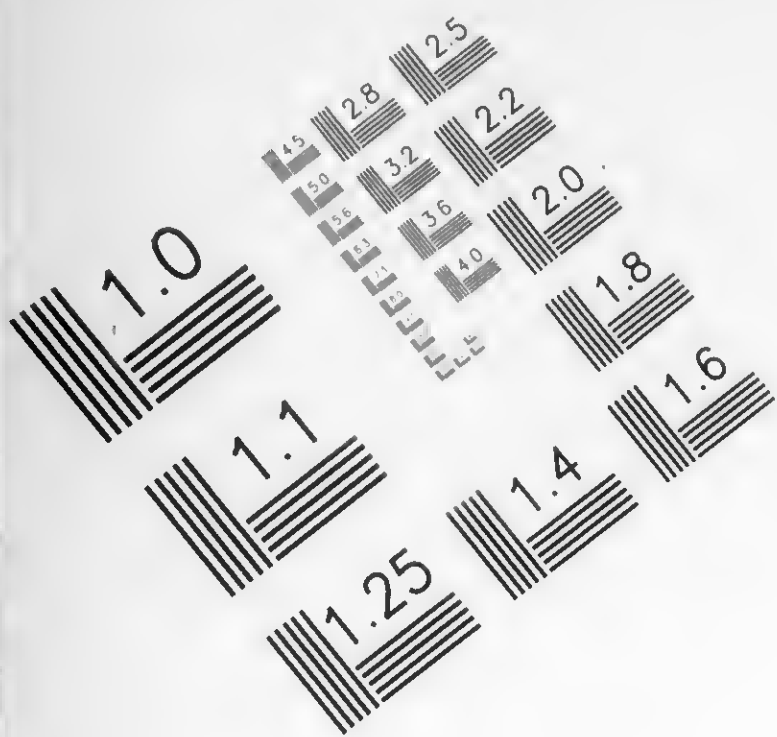


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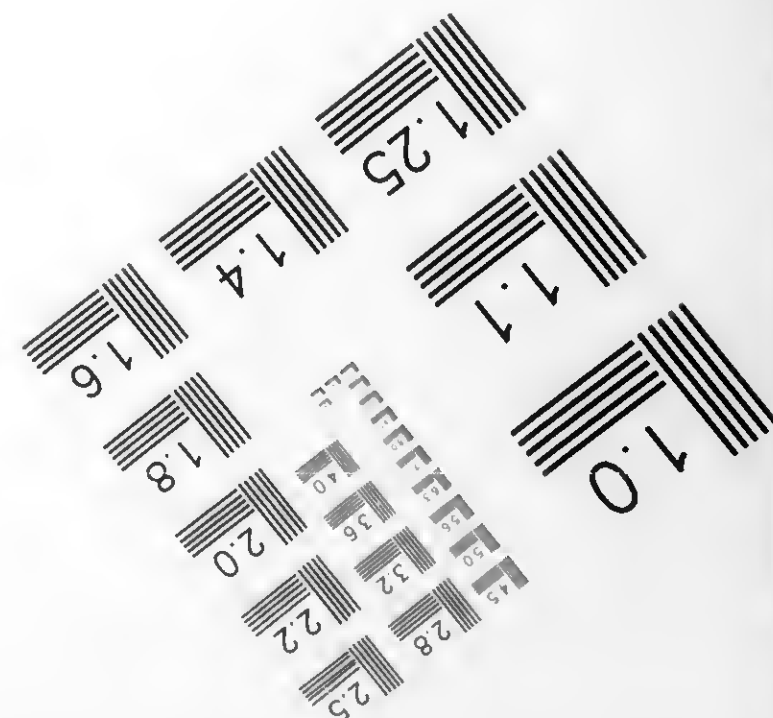


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**Guide to the Papers of Rabbi Robert
L. Lehman (1927-2003)
1928-2013**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Lehman, Robert L.
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Dates: 1928-2013
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Abstract:	The Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection focuses on the development of a rabbi and of his role leading his congregations. The collection includes copious sermons, substantial correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings, notes, congregational and conference publications, photographs, diplomas, and a few objects.
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Biographical Note

On May 3, 1927, Horst Lazard Lehmann was born to Michael Lehmann and Toni Lehmann of Heilbronn, Germany. The Lehmann family were observant Jews, with a liberal Orthodox background. From April to May 1933 Horst Lehmann attended the Volksschule in Heilbronn until his father, director of the Dresdener Bank in Heilbronn, was transferred to his hometown of Schweinfurt, Germany on May 1, 1933.

In 1937 Toni Lehmann was asked to tend her ill uncle, Rabbi Max Freudenthal of Nuremberg. As a gesture of gratitude he granted her request and asked his son, who lived in the United States, for an immigration affidavit for the Lehmanns. In March 1938 the Lehmann family came to the United States; during immigration Horst Lehmann's name was changed to Robert L. Lehman. On May 4, 1940 he celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, a Reform congregation made up largely of fellow German-Jewish immigrants, that leaned toward traditional or conservative practices.

After graduating from Stuyvesant High School in 1945, Robert Lehman served for two years in the army. Following his army service, he attended Long Island University, graduating with honors in philosophy in 1949. He then studied at Hebrew Union College, and was a student rabbi at congregations in Oklahoma, Florida, West Virginia, and Chicago. On June 1, 1954 Robert L. Lehman was ordained as a rabbi.

His first position was as assistant rabbi at Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked under Rabbi Abraham Shaw. There his responsibilities included giving weekly sermons and overseeing the youth education program. The position was only intended to be temporary and he stayed for a little over two years.

In December 1956 Rabbi Robert L. Lehman was installed as rabbi at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, the congregation he had joined upon coming to the United States. He would spend the rest of his life with this congregation, serving for forty-one years and giving sermons on diverse topics. As rabbi, he led the congregation through the turbulent 1960s and the instability of the 1970s-early 1990s, when Washington Heights became known as one of the more dangerous neighborhoods of New York City, with a high crime rate and a crack cocaine epidemic. By 1972 an estimated ninety percent of the congregation had moved out of the immediate neighborhood of the synagogue due to these problems, but still attended synagogue services. For these reasons, the congregation moved in 1974 from its earlier location at 161st Street north to Fort Washington Avenue and 185th Street. The move allowed Rabbi Robert Lehman to initiate more community programs at the synagogue, such as a yearly film festival, concerts, and the Open Mind Adult Education Program, in addition to the Hebrew school and religious education classes already held for the youth. He also helped to

organize an oral history project that resulted in a book, *Reflections on the Holocaust*, published in 1978, on the fortieth anniversary of Kristallnacht. In 1980, he led the congregation in its "Boat People" project, where the congregation adopted a Vietnamese immigrant family in need.

While rabbi of the Hebrew Tabernacle, Rabbi Robert Lehman married Ilona Tucker, a fellow refugee born in Germany. They had one daughter.

In addition to leading his congregation, Rabbi Robert Lehman continued his education at Yeshiva University and earned a certificate from the Post Graduate Center for Mental Health in pastoral counseling. In 1979 he received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College, and in 1985 earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminar. In addition, he was active in professional organizations, including having been a member of the executive committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as well as that organization's National Committee on Ethics and its Committee on Aging. He was also on the executive committee of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and was President of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

In 1985 Rabbi Robert Lehman returned to Heilbronn, his birthplace, as part of memorial events for former Jewish residents from the city (its Woche der Begegnung). There he gave a sermon in the Kiliankirche, the first rabbi to do so, reflecting on the events of the Holocaust and the city's efforts to address its past. Later, in 1991, he participated in activities for former Jewish residents of Schweinfurt, as part of the city's twelve-hundredth anniversary. The activities included a series of interfaith talks in the St. Johanniskirche, in which he took part, as well as the installation of a memorial plaque in the Jewish cemetery.

Rabbi Robert Lehman retired from his position at the Hebrew Tabernacle in June 1997, becoming Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation. In 2000 he became a rabbi of the liberal Congregation Or Chadash in Vienna, travelling monthly from New York to conduct services and perform other rabbinical duties. From 2001-2002 he served as part-time rabbi for Temple Israel in Lawrence, New York.

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman died in 2003.

Scope and Content Note

The Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection focuses on the development of a rabbi and of his role in leading his congregations, especially in leading the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, a congregation whose members consisted largely of fellow German-Jewish immigrants. The collection includes numerous sermons, substantial correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings, notes, congregational and conference publications, photographs, diplomas, and a few objects.

The small first series holds some personal documents, primarily several folders of letters friends and congregants as well as a few articles about himself and about his uncle, Rabbi Max Freudenthal. Items from his life prior to becoming a rabbi are also included here.

The heart of the collection is Series II, which holds the professional papers of Rabbi Robert Lehman. It centers on his training as a rabbi, with documentation of his early position as assistant rabbi in Baltimore, his primary role as rabbi in Washington Heights, and work with later congregations following his retirement. The countless sermons in this series provide insight into his personal preaching style and themes over the years and with different congregations, while correspondence and congregational

papers show other aspects of his rabbinical duties and the activities of the congregations he led. Some of the personal correspondence of Series I includes letters of congregants of the Hebrew Tabernacle. One subseries of Series II documents his work with professional associations and as representative of German-Jewish Holocaust survivors.

Documentation of Rabbi Robert Lehman's rabbinical education will be found primarily among the papers of Series II. Such documents include coursework from Hebrew Union College and information on his student rabbi positions. His diplomas, including later doctoral degrees and the certificate of his ordination as a rabbi, will be found in Series III.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series in the following manner:

Series I: Personal, 1928-2002

Series 2: Professional, 1942-2013

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, 1952-1956

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1974-1996

Series III: Diplomas and Certificates, 1954-1985

Access and Use

Access Restrictions

Open to researchers.

Access Information

Readers may access the collection by visiting the Lillian Goldman Reading Room at the Center for Jewish History. We recommend reserving the collection in advance; please visit the LCJ Online Catalog and click on the "Reserve" button.

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Access Points

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Individuals:

Lehman, Robert L.

Organizations:

Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation (New York, N.Y.)

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Temple Shalom (Chicago, Ill.)

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Subjects:

[Fasts and feasts--Judaism](#)
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[Judaism--Study and teaching \(Higher\)--United States.](#)
[Judaism--United States--Liturgy.](#)
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[Kristallnacht, 1938--Anniversaries, etc.](#)
[Rabbinical seminaries--United States.](#)
[Rabbis](#)
[Reform Judaism--United States](#)

Places:

[Chicago \(Ill.\)](#)
[Heilbronn \(Germany\)](#)
[Schweinfurt \(Germany\)](#)
[Washington Heights \(New York, N.Y.\)](#)

Document Types:

[Clippings \(information artifacts\)](#)
[Correspondence](#)
[Essays](#)
[Lecture notes](#)
[Lists \(document genres\)](#)
[Notes](#)
[Photographs](#)
[Programs \(documents\)](#)
[Sermons](#)
[Transcripts](#)

Related Material

A number of archival collections in the LBI Archives and books in the LBI Library relate to the German-Jewish community in Washington Heights and the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights. One of these is the book *Frankfurt on the Hudson*(st 2895); the LBI Archives hold an early manuscript of this work as well (MS 502). Included in the LBI Archives is the Berta Kuba Collection (AR 11991), which contains materials on the congregation and some correspondence with Rabbi Robert L. Lehman. The LBI Archives also hold The oral history collection of the Research Foundation for Jewish Immigration, New York (AR 25385), which contain an oral history by Robert L. Lehman.

Histories of the Hebrew Tabernacle congregation include *A history of the Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation of Washington Heights; a German-Jewish community in New York City*(F 128.9 J5 E4), which includes an introduction by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman.

The LBI Library includes the book, *Reflections on the Holocaust*, which contains histories of members of the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights (D 811.5 M27).

Separated Material

Some books and a number of publications without extensive notations were removed to the LBI Library. When removed, photocopies of the title pages and copyright information of the items were retained in the collection in the

folder where they were found.

A sewing kit used in the United States army and tefillin were removed to the LBI Art and Objects Collection.

Preferred Citation

Published citations should take the following form:

Identification of item, date (if known); Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection; AR 25598; box number; folder number; Leo Baeck Institute.

Processing Information

During processing of the archival collection, similar materials were grouped together to form series and subseries. Some original order was observed, resulting in the current organization of the sermons, the most prominent documentation in the collection. Some larger folders were further subdivided into multiple folders. Certificates were removed from their frames.

Container List

Series I: Personal, 1928-2002

This series is in German and English.

0.2 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Series I contains personal papers of Rabbi Robert L. Lehman, with much of the series consisting of correspondence. Other documents include articles and newspaper clippings and papers that relate to his graduation from Long Island University in 1949, prior to attending Hebrew Union College for his rabbinical studies.

Notable among the articles are documents in the first folder of the series, including Robert Lehman's Bar Mitzvah speech at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights and a 1962 newspaper clipping regarding Catholic liturgy that demonized Jews and his recommendation, sent to the Vatican, to remove references to such demonization during the Second Vatican Council. The final folder of the series holds several essays written during the late 1940s for contests and courses on topics such as world peace and an academic paper on various philosophers' approaches to God; also included is a Sabbath Evening Service written by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman and dedicated to his Hebrew Tabernacle congregation, among other items.

Much of the series consists of personal correspondence, both from friends and family members as well as some from congregants. Such letters often impart greetings and news of their activities, mention academic politics at Hebrew Union College or news of fellow classmates, or are from friends who were also rabbis who tell of news of their positions. A few letters relate to his position at Hebrew Tabernacle. Folder 4, which holds later correspondence, includes a letter from Steven Lowenstein, author of *Frankfurt on the Hudson*, thanking Robert Lehman for his aid with the book; others are from the Leo Baeck Institute or from Long Island

University, when he received its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992.

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	1 Articles about Robert L. Lehman and Bar Mitzvah Speech	1940-1962
1	2 Articles – Max Freudenthal	1928-1937
1	3 Books removed from collection	1923-1953
1	4 Correspondence	1989, 2002
1	5 Correspondence – Congregations and Personal	1956-1981
1	6 Correspondence – Congregations and Personal – Feder, Gary and Max	1963-1970
1	7 Correspondence – F-G	1954-1971
1	8 Correspondence – Jacob, Walter	1955-1969
1	9 Correspondence – Or Chadasch (Vienna)	2001-2002
1	10 Correspondence – S	1954-1970
1	11 Correspondence – W-Z	1961-1972
1	12 Graduation from Long Island University	1948-1949
1	13 Newspaper Clippings	1948
1	14 Taxes	1957-1961
1	15 Writings and Research	1947-1968

Series II: Professional, 1942-2013

This series is in English, German, and Hebrew.

7.8 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided into four subseries:

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, 1952-1956, 1962

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1934, 1974-1996

Scope and Content:

Series II documents Rabbi Robert L. Lehman's education and role as rabbi and comprises the bulk of the collection. Documenting his rabbinical studies, early training, and evolution as a rabbi, it includes extensive sermons, much correspondence, and other congregational and organizational papers. The first four subseries are divided by chronological period (Early Career and Education; Temple Oheb Shalom; Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights; Late Career), with the final subseries relating to trips and professional conferences.

Sermons comprise the bulk of Series II, spanning the career of Rabbi Robert Lehman. His first sermons, given as a student in the chapel of Hebrew Union College, will be found in Subseries 1, along with those given as a student rabbi. Subseries 2, his first position as an ordained rabbi, continues with the sermons he gave while a rabbi in Baltimore. The sermons from his pulpit at Hebrew Tabernacle will be found in Subseries 3 and document more than forty years of guiding his congregation with discussions of prayer, Biblical teachings, historical events, personal reflections, lessons taken from books, television and film, and on the

events of their times – local, national, and international. Subseries 4 holds later sermons from his brief time as rabbi at Temple Israel on Long Island and at the newly-formed congregation of Or Chadasch in Vienna, Austria, where his sermons were in German. Also in German was the sermon he gave at the Kilianskirche in Heilbronn, Germany, on a trip there in 1985, located in Subseries 5, along with a shorter talk given at a church in Schweinfurt in 1991.

Correspondence also makes up a large portion of the professional documentation of Series II and will similarly be found in each subseries. Much of it is organizational and administrative; there is correspondence with his congregations when he was a student rabbi, relating to trips and conferences pertaining to details such as travel and logistical information. Correspondence pertaining to his two pulpits largely refers to the running of the congregations and their programs, especially the educational programs. Hebrew Tabernacle correspondence documents many of the congregation's activities, among them the concerts and lectures, the work of committees, congregational membership, and the maintenance of the synagogue and its finances, but also including honors awarded to Rabbi Lehman and events marking the anniversary of Kristallnacht. Related to the correspondence of the congregations of Temple Oheb Shalom and the Hebrew Tabernacle are their congregational papers; the former's consists mainly of papers related to the attendance and teaching in Temple Oheb Shalom's educational program, while Hebrew Tabernacle's congregational papers relate to many of its activities. In addition, research related to projects and documentation related to Hebrew Tabernacle's history will also be found in Subseries 3.

Rabbi Robert Lehman's membership in professional organizations and attendance at professional conferences will be found in Subseries 5. This subseries also contains documentation on memorial trips to Heilbronn and Schweinfurt, Germany in which he took part. Material in this subseries includes correspondence, publications, articles, and other papers related to specific conferences and events. Notable also is the documentation on the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel.

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

This subseries is in English and Hebrew.

1.2 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided topically as follows:

- A) Hebrew Union College
- B) Student Rabbi Holiday Positions
- C) Temple Shalom (Chicago)
- D) Other Papers

Scope and Content:

This subseries relates to the beginning of Rabbi Robert Lehman's rabbinical career. It includes documentation of his studies at Hebrew Union College, his experiences as a student rabbi during the high holidays, his extended time as a student rabbi at Temple Shalom in Chicago, and other papers.

Documentation of Robert Lehman's studies at Hebrew Union College include organizational papers with the college, including some from late December 1953 and early January 1954 regarding the illness of his father. Other correspondence is with his professor and thesis advisor, Ellis Rivkin, as well as two folders of letters from classmates who were friends. Their

letters primarily provide updates on their activities and news of the congregations they served; Richard Rosenthal relates some descriptions of his activities as a military chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood. Other papers related to Robert Lehman's studies consist of a number of academic papers, notes on lectures and books, and examination questions and responses. Papers from the course "The Rabbi, the Congregation, and the Community" include descriptions of case studies of advisement given and interaction between rabbis and congregants.

Three folders relate to Robert Lehman's experiences as a student rabbi during the holidays at congregations in Oklahoma, Florida, and West Virginia. These folders contain correspondence regarding arranging his arrival and preparation for participating with the congregations. The first two folders also contain Robert Lehman's sermons for Rosh Hashana, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur Memorial Services. The second folder also includes a sermon for the dedication of the new Temple for the Congregation of Liberal Judaism and notes on an address to its Sisterhood on the place of women in modern 1950s Judaism. The final folder consists solely of correspondence regarding arrangements for holiday services at B'nai Israel Congregation in West Virginia.

Robert Lehman worked from autumn 1952 until spring 1953 as a student rabbi at Temple Sholom in Chicago. Papers regarding this time include correspondence with the congregation's rabbi, papers relating to the teaching of youth, and sermons. Correspondence with this congregation, while including organizational details, also pertains to teaching the youth of the congregation and Robert Lehman's various ideas to increase their interest in Temple activities and make Judaism relevant to them. Related is the folder of learning materials for the children's instruction, the text of plays put on by them for Hanukah and Purim, and instruction packets for parents' workshops, which instructed parents on how to celebrate the holidays at home. Several of the sermons given by Robert Lehman were intended for children, with another comparing Hanukah and Christmas, focusing on how parents could keep children interested in Hanukah during December.

The remaining other papers of Subseries 1 include a number of sermons and articles by other as well as some by Robert Lehman. Two folders in this section of the subseries hold writings by Robert Lehman. The first "Essays and Sermons by Robert L. Lehman" date from the late 1940s and include two short stories for an English class, as well as an essay for a history class on the history of war in the twentieth century and present conditions of the post-war world. "Choose Thou Life" may be an early draft of a sermon. This folder also includes copies of various poems. The folder "Sermons, Prayers, and Talks" includes several sermon drafts from the early 1950s given at Hebrew Union College, some of which were graded, as well as others for Hebrew Tabernacle. Some of these are benedictions for weddings. Sermons and newspaper clippings by others will also be found in this area of the subseries, along with texts of radio broadcasts by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

A) Hebrew Union College

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	16 Correspondence	1950-1953
1	17 Correspondence – Rivkin, Ellis	1954-1955
1	18 Correspondence – Rosenthal, Richard (Dick)	1954-1958
1	19 Correspondence – Rosenthal, William (Bill)	1954-1956

1	20	Course Notes and Essays – History 2: 333 BCE to 400 BCE (Summer 1950)	1950
1	21	Course Notes and Essays – Third Term (Fall 1950)	1950
1	22	Course Notes and Essays – Eighth Term (Spring 1953)	1952-1953 March
1	23	Course Notes and Essays – Human Relations 3: The Rabbi, the Congregation and the Community	1950-1953
1	24	Course Notes and Essays – Ninth Term (Fall 1953-1954)	1937, 1953 October-1954
1	25	Course Notes and Essays – History 13 (Spring 1954)	1954 February-April

B) Student Rabbi Holiday Positions

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	26 Congregation Emeth (Ardmore, Oklahoma)	1950 July-October
1	27 Congregation of Liberal Judaism (Orlando, Florida)	1951 July-October
1	28 B'nai Israel Congregation (Parkersburg, West Virginia)	1953 June-1954 May

C) Temple Sholom (Chicago)

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	29 Correspondence	1952-1954
1	30 Plays	1952-1953
1	31 Religious School – Learning Materials and Forms	1953-1955
1	32 Sermons	1952 September-1953 March
1	33 Temple Sholom Bulletins	1952-1955
1	34 Workshops for Parents	1952-1952

D) Other Papers

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	35 Children's and Family Services – General	1944-1956
1	36 Essays and Sermons by Robert L. Lehman	1946-1949
1	37 Multiple Congregations – Shavuot, Confirmation, and Graduation Services	1955-1957
1	38 Sermons, Addresses and Articles by Others	1953-1955
1	39 Sermons, Prayers, and Talks	1949-1954
1	40 Service Programs and Bulletins	1953-1955
1	41 Synagogue Service Bulletins and Untitled Family Service Pamphlets	undated, 1951-1955
Box	Folder Title	Date
2	1 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Design for Living	1951-1952

2	2	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Design for Living	1953-1955
2	3	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1952-1953
2	4	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1954-1955
2	5	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1956-1957

**Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom,
Baltimore, 1952-1956, 1962**

This subseries is in English and German.
0.4 linear feet.

Arrangement:
Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Subseries 2 contains papers from Temple Oheb Shalom, where Robert Lehman served as assistant rabbi. It focuses on his communication with the congregation's rabbi, Abraham Shaw, as well as Robert Lehman's work in organizing a youth education program.

Correspondence with Rabbi Abraham Shaw includes letters relating to the consideration of Robert Lehman as assistant rabbi and his election. A 1954 letter mentions Robert Lehman's ordination as a rabbi on June 1, 1954. Other early letters discuss the arrangement of an apartment and his first days with the congregation. Letters from 1956 mention Robert Lehman's consideration by the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, who were seeking a new rabbi. A December 1956 letter by Abraham Shaw mentions his having installed Robert Lehman as rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle. Other letters contain personal greetings and discuss various other subjects.

Notable are several folders of sermons, Robert Lehman's first as an ordained rabbi. Included is his sermon for September 24, 1954, when he was installed as rabbi at Temple Oheb Shalom. This sermon includes some biographical details, since it was his introduction to his new congregation. While all sermons focus on Biblical teachings, they also include varying other subjects, with occasional mentions of current events, such as anti-Semitism, fears of communism, the lack of attendance at non-holiday services, or the Korean War. One folder holds sermons Robert Lehman gave at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Three folders relate to the congregation's youth programs, in which Robert Lehman participated. These include service programs as well as texts for children's services and Passover songs. Other letters include forms and circular letters, including instructions for boys for their bar mitzvahs or confirmations and guidelines for the home celebration of Hanukah. Related is the folder of materials on the religious school. Such papers include correspondence, especially regarding the arranging of a post-confirmation course, and notes on the children's curriculum, teaching materials, and a photo of the religious school's high school graduates.

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	6 Correspondence – Abraham Shaw	1954-1965

2	7	Correspondence – Jewish Art Exhibition (Baltimore, Maryland)	1954
2	8	Funerals, Weddings, and Talks	1955-1956
2	9	Religious School	1952-1956
2	10	Sermons	1954 September-1954 December, 2004
2	11	Sermons	1955 January-1955 May
2	12	Sermons	1955 June-1955 December
2	13	Sermons	1956 January-1956 May, 1962 November
2	14	Sermons – Baltimore Hebrew Congregation	July 1954-August 1954
2	15	Youth Education	1951-1956
2	16	Youth Education – Passover Seder	1955
2	17	Youth Education – Purim	1954-1956

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

This subseries is in [German] and [English].

5.6 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided as follows:

- A) Correspondence
 - a) Alphabetical Files of Congregational Correspondence
 - b) Topical
- B) Sermons
 - a) Chronological
 - b) Topical
- C) Other Congregational Papers
- D) Projects, Articles, and Research

Scope and Content:

This subseries holds the papers of Rabbi Robert Lehman while he was rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights. It has been divided into four areas: correspondence; sermons; other congregational papers; and projects, articles, and research.

The correspondence of Robert Lehman as Rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights covers numerous topics. The majority focus on routine matters relating to the congregation and synagogue.

Four folders of correspondence were previously arranged alphabetically. Nearly all of this correspondence consists of copies of the correspondence of Max Hamburg, the congregation's president during the 1970s. These letters focus on organizational matters, such as maintenance, preparation for holidays, invitations to new community members, fund-raising, events, and other such topics. Notable is a May 1978 request for police protection for worshippers departing the synagogue, evidence that reflects the changing neighborhood of Washington Heights.

The majority of correspondence was arranged topically during the

processing of the archival collection. These letters also often feature routine subjects, including circular letters and forms. Among the earliest committee correspondence are letters of Robert Lehman to and from the rabbinical placement committee as he searched for a new position when his time at Temple Oheb Sholom was coming to an end. Among these letters is his curriculum vitae. The second folder of committee correspondence includes a 1973 announcement of a meeting regarding the congregation's search for a new synagogue, which also mentions the condition of the neighborhood surrounding the congregation's previous location on 161st Street. Another folder documents the merge of the congregation of Temple Covenant with that of Hebrew Tabernacle. The folder pertaining to the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht in 1988 includes information on the dedication of the Hebrew Tabernacle's stained-glass windows, as well as letters from other congregations regarding the event, the anniversary's sermon, and service program.

The folder of general correspondence from 1990-1994 contains several letters and related documents that pertain to events in the history of the congregation and to Rabbi Robert Lehman's career there. The folder includes an article by a member of the choir on his first meeting with Cantor Henry Ehrenberg and an overview of his experiences with the choir. The folder also has correspondence and a related documentation of a Kristallnacht memorial in 1993, letters regarding the celebration of Rabbi Lehman's fortieth anniversary as a rabbi, and a letter from the Vietnamese family sponsored by the congregation in 1980.

Correspondence with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations largely centers around the payment of membership dues, with information on the Hebrew Tabernacle's financial situation and its changes over the decades. Correspondence with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum mentions the donation to the museum's collection of oral history tapes of experiences of the congregants.

The core of the material on the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, and of the collection itself, consists of the drafts of sermons given by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman for this congregation from the late 1950s through the early 2000s. Most sermons were organized chronologically, although a smaller amount were grouped together by topic; this previous arrangement has been retained. Research material for sermons, such as newspaper or magazine clippings, correspondence, reports, fliers, programs, or other papers, are often included with the sermon for which they were used. Some sermons include index cards with brief summaries of their contents written at a later date by someone other than Rabbi Lehman; other similar index cards with sermon summaries were found together and have been included in this series. While the sermons provide ample evidence of Rabbi Lehman's preaching, they also hold many clues on the congregation's history and concerns. Most sermons relate Biblical stories or text with discussion of their relevance to modern life or events. Most sermons were typed, but some consist only of handwritten notes. Many typed sermons were written in a personal shorthand, with abbreviations for certain words; typed sermons were written on full pages of paper as well as half-sheets and index cards.

Particularly interesting are the many sermons that mention local, national, or world events, providing a historical overview of significant current events as well as imparting religious guidance to the congregation. Most prominent events in American history during these decades are addressed in the sermons. Notable are the sermons of the 1960s and 1970s that mention the Vietnam War, the growing civil rights movement and the racial tensions of the times, the space race and moon landing, the counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s, and the ideological divide between the younger and older generations. Included is mention of Jewish participation in the

civil rights movement; anti-Semitism among some of the revolutionary African-American rights organizations; events in Israel, Jewish youth and youth movements, the shift toward conservatism and the political right in the 1980s; and the effects of poverty on society. For example, sermons from 1969-1970 included a reaction to the Black Power Manifesto of James Forman; a discussion of religion in the Age of Aquarius; problems in Washington Heights and the election of Mayor Lindsay; a call for peace after the deaths at Kent State; and remarks on the first Earth Day. Another example is the folder "Turbulent 1960s and Spirituality," among the topical folders of sermons, which collects several historically-interesting sermons from the 1960s in one location; these include such topics as the 1969 protest against Columbia University's building of a gymnasium in Morningside Park, the Vietnam War, and the changes in English usage due to the growth of drug-related slang, as well as discussion of the history of Hassidim and their conflicts with Orthodox Judaism.

Other sermons, often those of the 1970s through the 1990s, mention the changing demographics of the neighborhood of Washington Heights, with reference to the reasons why the congregation moved their synagogue in 1974 from the more dangerous location of 161st Street to the congregation's location on Fort Washington Avenue. Still others, especially during the 1980s and 1990s, touch upon the congregation's role in the neighborhood, with mentions of participation in anti-drug protests and the support of local politicians. Some sermons note the changing demographics of the congregation itself as the older German-born congregants were joined by the younger generations.

Another frequent topic of the chronologically-arranged sermons are reviews of books, movies, and plays, in addition to the bulk of the sermons that focused on Biblical readings or in-depth examinations of prayers such as the Shema or the Kaddish. Although books reviewed during sermons were often books considering Judaism or Jewish history, they also included popular fiction. Among the reviews are those of television shows such as *All in the Family*, which Rabbi Lehman criticized. His Yom Kippur sermon of 1985 discussed a book by Klaus Mann on the importance of a civilized world and found fault with the then popular but uncivilized movie, *Rambo*; indicative of the times, it echoed the violence of the subways and the streets. One folder among the topically-arranged sermons consists of reviews as well.

The Holocaust was an undercurrent often referenced in passing in sermons, but was also frequently marked in November with a sermon around the anniversary of Kristallnacht, commemorating the burning of the synagogues in Germany.

In the folder of earliest sermons, those of autumn 1956, will be found the sermons related to the installation of Rabbi Lehman as rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle. These include the sermon given by Rabbi Abraham Shaw, the senior rabbi of Temple Oheb Shalom, as well as Rabbi Lehman's response. Some sermons from the end of his career with this congregation focused on the future of the congregation. In 1993, with his retirement approaching, Rabbi Lehman asked his congregation to begin to consider the role of the non-Jew in the community. In his last holiday sermons of 1996, Rabbi Lehman spoke to his congregation on liberal Judaism and the upcoming changes the congregation might consider, such as the possibility of a female rabbi and greater attendance at services. These sermons also include his reminiscences of the congregation in addition to briefly describing its history.

Other Congregational Papers includes papers relating to the history of the congregation, as well as holding a few papers on the congregation in general.

Three folders pertain to the history of the congregation. Among these folders are a copy of a draft history of the congregation in 1985, later published; text of a service on the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht with the dedication of eight stained glass windows; a newspaper article by Rabbi Robert Lehman on the history of the synagogue in 1980, and a 2005 article by cantor Frederick Herman on the one-hundredth anniversary of the building. Folder 7/15 includes a transcript of a detailed 1972 interview with Rabbi Lehman (with later 1979 additions) that mentions his own family's history but primarily focuses on that of the congregation prior to its move further north; it includes description of the changes in the neighborhood. This folder also holds a history of Kristallnacht commemorations at the Hebrew Tabernacle, among other papers. The scrapbook holds loose newspaper clippings relating either to the Hebrew Tabernacle or to Rabbi Lehman. They mention such items as community events and participation, the congregation's participation in civil rights marches, and Jewish holidays, among other subjects. The following folder includes a photograph of Rabbi Robert Lehman. The final folder holds documents from a class he gave, including attendance lists and class readings.

The final section of this subseries consists of documentation collected on various topics, often for projects undertaken by the congregation.

One project of the congregation was the support of a Vietnamese family; information gathered on the considerations of hosting a family will be found in the folder "Boat People," as well as information on the family they hosted. The "Liturgy Project" holds papers related to the examination of liturgy used by the congregation in a project conducted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The papers consisted of a survey by congregants on their thoughts and feelings while attending services in view of potential future changes to the liturgy. Such papers included a description of the project's goals, participating congregants' "worship diary" entries and a summation of the survey's results by Rabbi Lehman.

The folder "Anti-Semitism" relates to both anti-Semitism in America, including articles and a November 1966 sermon, and newspaper clippings on the Oberammergau Passion Play. Another folder, "Judaism in the Twenty-First Century" holds varying versions of the text of a talk by Robert Lehman in 1990 with his theories about the future; among the future events he anticipated were the return of Jews to Germany; the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and dangers to Israel; changes in Jewish communal organizations and the role of women; the future of liberal Judaism; and the role of rabbis in the future.

Several folders hold research material on varying topics. Material on the Jewish Defense League in 1969 includes newspaper clippings on the foundation of the league as well as on their position to Mayor Lindsay. The final folder of this subseries contains articles on Rabbi Robert Lehman, material on the Leadership Institute for Young German Jews, a clipping about Hebrew Tabernacle, and photographs of Rabbi Robert Lehman.

A) Correspondence

a) Alphabetical Files of Congregational Correspondence

Box	Folder Title		Date
2	18	L-W	1974
2	19	C-J	1975-1981
2	20	K-S	1978-1979
2	21	T-W	1978

b) Topical

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	22 Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah	
2	23 Aufbau – Honoring Robert Lehman	1979
2	24 Celebration – Thirty-Fifth Anniversary as Rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle	1992
2	25 Circular Letters and Forms	1957, 1978
2	26 Circular Letters and Forms	1979
2	27 Circular Letters, Announcements, and Forms	1980
2	28 Circular Letters, Announcements, and Forms	1981-1982
2	29 Committees	1956-1969
2	30 Committees and Membership	1973-1974, 1989-1991
2	31 Covenant Temple Merge	1980-1981

Box	Folder Title	Date
3	1 Fiftieth Anniversary of Kristallnacht	1987-1988
3	2 General Correspondence	1974-1981
3	3 General Correspondence	1990-1994
3	4 High Holidays	1976-1979
3	5 High Holidays – Newspaper Advertisements	1975-1978
3	6 Organizational Correspondence	1974-1975
3	7 Planning and Finances	1985-1996
3	8 Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Hebrew Tabernacle	1971
3	9 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Finances	1971-1978
3	10 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Finances	1994
3	11 Union of American Hebrew Congregations - Finances and Membership	1975-1979
3	12 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	1991
3	13 Young Married Group (Mr. and Mrs. Group)	1956-1960, 1985

B) Sermons**a) Chronological**

Box	Folder Title	Date
3	14 Sermons	undated
3	15 Sermons	1956 September-1956 December
3	16 Sermons	1957 January-1957 June
3	17 Sermons – Index Card Notes	1957-1958

3	18	Sermons	1957 September-1957 December
3	19	Sermons	1958 January-1958 May
3	20	Sermons	1958 September-1958 December
3	21	Sermons	1959 January-1959 June
3	22	Sermons	1959 September-1960 June
3	23	Sermons	1960 September-1960 December
3	24	Sermons	1961 January-1961 May
3	25	Sermons	1961 September-1961 December
3	26	Sermons	1962 January-1962 May
3	27	Sermons	1962 September-1962 December

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	1	Sermons	1963 January-1963 May
4	2	Sermons	1963 September-1963 December
4	3	Sermons	1964 January-1964 June
4	4	Sermons	1964 September-1964 December
4	5	Sermons	1965 January-1965 June
4	6	Sermons	1965 September-1965 December
4	7	Sermons	1966 January-1966 April
4	8	Sermons	1966 September-1966 December
4	9	Sermons	1967 January-1967 May

4	10	Sermons	1967 September- 1968 June
4	11	Sermons	1968 September- 1968 December
4	12	Sermons	1969 January-1969 May
4	13	Sermons	1969 September-1969 December
4	14	Sermons – Index Card Notes	1969-1970
4	15	Sermons	1970 January-1970 June, 1994
4	16	Sermons	1970 September-1970 December
4	17	Sermons	1971 January-1971 May
4	18	Sermons	1971 September-1972 January
4	19	Sermons	1972 October-1972 December
4	20	Sermons	1973 January-1973 June
4	21	Sermons	1973 September-1973 December

Box	Folder Title	Date
5	1 Sermons	1974 January-1974 June
5	2 Sermons	1974 September-1974 December
5	3 Sermons	1975 January-1975 June
5	4 Sermons	1976
5	5 Sermons	1977 January-1977 June
5	6 Sermons	1977 September-1977 December
5	7 Sermons	1978 January-1978 May
5	8 Sermons	1978 September-1978 December

5	9	Sermons	1979 January-1979 May
5	10	Sermons	1979 September-1979 December
5	11	Sermons	1980 January-1980 May
5	12	Sermons	1980 September-1980 December
5	13	Sermons	1981 January-1981 May
5	14	Sermons	1981 September-1981 December
5	15	Sermons	1982 January-1982 April
5	16	Sermons	1982 September-1982 December
5	17	Sermons	1983 January-1983 May
5	18	Sermons	1983 September-1983 December
Box	Folder Title	Date	
6	1 Sermons	1984 January-1984 June	
6	2 Sermons	1984 August-1984 December	
6	3 Sermons	1985 January-1985 May	
6	4 Sermons	1985 September-1985 December	
6	5 Sermons	1986 January-1986 August	
6	6 Sermons	1986 September-1986 December	
6	7 Sermons	1987 January-1987 June	
6	8 Sermons	1987 August-1987 December	
6	9 Sermons	1988 January-1988 April	
6	10 Sermons	1988 September- December	

6	11	Sermons	1989 January-1989 June
6	12	Sermons	1989 September-1989 December
6	13	Sermons	1990 January-1990 May
6	14	Sermons	1990 September-1990 December
6	15	Sermons	1991 January-1991 May
6	16	Sermons	1991 August-1991 December
6	17	Sermons	1992 January-1992 June
6	18	Sermons	1992 September-1992 December
6	19	Sermons	1993 January-1993 April
6	20	Sermons	1993 September-1993 December

Box	Folder Title	Date
7	1 Sermons	1994 January-1994 May
7	2 Sermons	1994 September-1994 December
7	3 Sermons	1995 January-1995 May
7	4 Sermons	1995 August-1995 December
7	5 Sermons	1996 January-1996 June
7	6 Sermons – High Holidays	1996
7	7 Sermons	1997-1999

b) Topical

Box	Folder Title	Date
7	8 Book, Movie, and Play Reviews	1957-1972
7	9 Children's and Youth Services	1978, 1991
7	10 Philosophy	1965-1966
7	11 Turbulent 1960s and Spirituality	1956-1975, 1987
7	12 Various Subjects	1956-1987

C) Other Congregational Papers

Box	Folder Title	Date
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7	13	By-Laws, Programs, and Fliers	undated, 1974, 2000
7	14	History of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights	1968-2005
7	15	History of Hebrew Tabernacle - Correspondence, Reports, Interview Transcript	1972-2013
7	16	History of Hebrew Tabernacle - Scrapbook	1962-1990
7	17	Publications, Photographs, and Programs	1948-1986
7	18	Rabbi's Class	1989

D) Projects, Articles and Research

Box	Folder	Title	Date
7	19	Anti-Semitism	1967-1970
7	20	Bible Comparisons – Birth Stories, Lord's Prayer, Passover and Last Supper, Sanhedrin and Trial of Jesus	undated
7	21	Boat People	1979-1980
7	22	Children's Services – Boy Scouts	undated
7	23	Crime Prevention Program	undated
7	24	Euthanasia	1942-1949, 1986
7	25	In the Shadow of the Tower/ Josef Nassy Art – Articles and Images	1989
7	26	Jewish Defense League	1969
7	27	Jews and Catholics	1964
7	28	Judaism in the Twenty-First Century	1990
Box	Folder	Title	Date
8	1	Liturgy Project	1994
8	2	Notes – Various Topics	undated, 1951-1970, 1984-1988
8	3	Poverty	1965
8	4	Services – Programs	undated, 1955-1958
8	5	Talks, Articles, and Research – Various Subjects	1948, 1967-1993
8	6	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	1993
8	7	Young German Jews and the History of the Hebrew Tabernacle	1990-1999

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

This subseries is in English.

0.1 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

This small subseries contains documentation that pertains to Rabbi Robert

Lehman's later years, including his retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle, his time as rabbi in Vienna, and his time as rabbi for Temple Israel of Lawrence, New York.

The first folder holds papers regarding Rabbi Lehman's retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle as well as documents, including sermons, articles, and publications, on memorable events while he was rabbi. Documentation includes materials for the celebration of his doctor of divinity degree and the spring 1997 events organized by the congregation to honor his forty years of service. Some materials include biographical information on him.

Documentation on his time as rabbi in Vienna in 2000 primarily consists of drafts of his sermons. Most of these sermons are in German and are for holidays. Some of them mention the many converts he encountered in Vienna; one sermon is for the conversion of a congregant. The folder also holds undated sermons in English about being a rabbi in Vienna as well as a clipping on Rabbi Robert Lehman being a rabbi there.

Box	Folder Title	Date
8	8 Retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle, Memorial, and Memorable Documents	1969-1992, 1997-2003
8	9 Temple Israel (Lawrence, New York)	2001-2002
8	10 Vienna	undated, 2000

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1934, 1974-1996

This subseries is in English and German.

0.5 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

This subseries holds papers relating to conferences Rabbi Lehman attended or trips he made.

The most prominent material in this series is the documentation of Rabbi Robert Lehman's two trips to Germany to participate in events for former residents of the towns of Heilbronn and Schweinfurt. Such documentation includes correspondence regarding the planning of the events, including itineraries and travel information. In Heilbronn Rabbi Robert Lehman gave a sermon at the Kilianskirche, in Schweinfurt a briefer talk at the St. Johannis-Kirche. Correspondence and the sermons from the Heilbronn visit include some biographical details on Rabbi Robert Lehman as well as the names of his family members who perished in the Holocaust. Included in the correspondence of the Heilbronn trip is an opinion on the drafts of the sermon he was to give there. Heilbronn correspondence also includes letters from Robert Lehmann's cousin, Heinz Freudenthal, in Munich. The Schweinfurt trip was part of the town's celebration of its twelve-hundredth anniversary and includes a number of clippings on the town's festivities. Its correspondence similarly relates to the planning of the trip, including correspondence with potential participants discussing attendance and the purchase of a gift for Schweinfurt. In addition, some participants' experiences of the trip are also included in the letters. Articles about the Schweinfurt trip also hold a brief history of Jews in Schweinfurt and a list of Jewish residents; after 1945 no Jews remained in the town. Folders on both trips include photographs of Rabbi Robert Lehman speaking in the two churches and participating in the cemetery memorial in Schweinfurt.

Two folders relate to the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Israel

in 1981. Rabbi Robert Lehman represented the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the event; material includes organizational correspondence, notes on talks, and other information. Several letters respond to his inquiry of fellow rabbis as to what their role ought to be at the gathering.

Other documentation pertains to conferences in which Rabbi Robert Lehman participated. Material on the Holocaust and Biomedical Ethics conference at Kent State University includes a sermon draft on the questions raised by the conference, namely whether it is permissible to continue to use data gathered from Nazi medical experimentation.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
8	11	Central Conference of American Rabbis – Resolutions Committee	1974-1978
8	12	Consultation on Conscience Conference	1989
8	13	Curaçao Trip	1988
8	14	Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Articles, Lists, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs	1985, 1987
8	15	Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Correspondence	1983-1986
8	16	Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Sermon Drafts	1985
8	17	Kent State University Conference – Holocaust and Biomedical Ethics	1989-1990
8	18	Nürnberg-Fürth Reunions (New York)	1992, 1996
8	19	Schweinfurt Trip – Articles, Programs, Itineraries, Lists and Photograph	1990-1991
8	20	Schweinfurt Trip – Correspondence	1990-1991
8	21	Schweinfurt Trip – Correspondence – Dresdener Bank to Bruno Maar	1934
8	22	Schweinfurt Trip – Sermons and Services	1990-1991
8	23	Trips – Caribbean and London	1989-1990
8	24	World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Articles and Other Papers	1980-1981
8	25	World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Correspondence	1980-1981
8	26	World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Texts and Notes for Talks	1980
8	27	World Union for Progressive Judaism – 25th International Conference	1990

Series III: Diplomas and Certificates, 1949-1997

This series is in English and Hebrew.

1.75 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Series III holds several diplomas and certificates of Rabbi Robert L. Lehman. Several of the diplomas have been made into laminated, permanent plaques.

Plaques consist of his Doctor of Ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, his honorary Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College, and his rabbinical ordination. Other diplomas include his Bachelor of Arts from Long Island University and Bachelor's and Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters degrees from Hebrew Union College.

The certificates held here are for his membership on the Hebrew Union College board of overseers, for completion of a course in Pastoral Counseling at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, and a proclamation from the Council of the City of New York honoring him on his retirement as rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights.

Box	Folder Title	Date
OS 161	1 Diplomas and Certificates	1949-1997
OS 161	2 Laminated Plaques – Doctoral Degrees and Rabbinical Ordination	1954-1985

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WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS - CORRESPONDENCE 1980-1981

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Bob: Gennie and I discussed
-ed this and since there
will be about a 10 day hiatus,
we doubt if we can Dove Tail.
However, we are both
keeping it in
mind in case

the Court
ing it in
mind in case an
opportunity develops.
1-5-22 Joe

February 20, 1980

I hope that all is well with you and the family and that this note finds you in good health. As you know, I see your family in this neighborhood once in a while and I am often reminded of Mrs. Weil.

My reason for writing this note relates to your project of having the Holocaust survivors meet in Israel in June of 1981. As you know, our congregation has done some work in this field with particular reference to Rosalyn Manowitz's book, "Reflections On The Holocaust", with which you are already familiar.

Furthermore, the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will also take place in June of 1981 in Jerusalem. It would be a shame if a way could not be found for your group and ours to come together on some level of mutual interest, perhaps for an exchange of views or, at the very least, to obtain a report as to what your group has accomplished.

Because I believe that the tenor of your deliberations would be of interest to all of my colleagues, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Joseph Glaser, the Executive Vice President of the C.C.A.R.

I look forward to meeting you soon and send to you warmest greetings and best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

CC: Rabbi Joseph Glaser

- ① be Counsellor re trauma
- ② give opport to verbalize
(some studies: emotions come out 20/25 yrs after experience)
- ③ Rabbi - Germ backgr -
in wife - empathy for women
deriving of 15 people
- ④ be avail to people, lead prayers
- ⑤ serves as observer starting
invite some to speak to us
provide opport for workshop
- ⑥ have group - how to speak to
them; women: Those who escaped
- ⑦ do documentary for viewing
in our Syn, Oneq Sh, Ref Schools

MEMORANDUM from
Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

19 March 80

To Robt Zelman

I just got the Survivors mailing
and see that it is scheduled much
later than I thought. There is only
a 5 day gap.

I think we can close it somehow.

Any ideas?

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Office of the Executive Vice President

April 24, 1980

Mr. Ernest Michel
U.J.A.
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019


Dear Ernie:

I know that you are going to be starting meetings to plan for the June 1981 Holocaust survivors convention and hope that you are taking me seriously when I say that we are very interested. I don't know if you are forming committees around any kind of institutional representation concept, but if you are and would be interested in the CCAR being represented, I would like to propose that such a representative be Rabbi Robert Lehman of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 551 Ft. Washington Avenue, New York, NY 10033. Bob is a survivor and has expressed in recent months a good deal of interest in the CCAR cooperating somehow because of the near coincidence of the dates of our two conventions in Jerusalem next June, and it occurred to me that not only would he be an excellent representative for the CCAR, but also a splendid contributor to the planning.

Please feel free to invite him, either in that capacity or as an individual.

All good wishes.

Shalom,


Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

JBG/s

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Office of the Executive Vice President

April 28, 1980

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10033

Dear Bob:

As you now know, I wrote to Ernie Michel requesting that you be made our official representative on the Holocaust survivors conference next year. I just got a call from Al Ronald, a layman of Westchester Reform Temple, who had been asked by Alex Schindler to represent the UAHC. Apparently Al Ronald was at that meeting a week or so ago that you heard about, and he called me to tell me that he would be in Pittsburgh at the time of the convention of the CCAR and offered to address the Conference asking the rabbis to search everywhere for survivors who could then be asked to come to the Holocaust survivors convention in Jerusalem in June.

I told him that I thought such an idea was a very good one but we had just appointed you as our representative and that such a presentation would more properly be made by you.

Our program has already gone to press but what I would like to do would be to call on you as I have on one or two occasions in the past, during my Executive Vice President's report on Monday afternoon at the opening plenum, and ask you to take two or three minutes to urge the members to alert their congregations to this and ask them to register their names and a few details about them with their rabbi and their rabbi will then send it on in to us and we'll then turn it over to Michel. Please let me know if this is OK with you.

All good wishes.

Shalom,


Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

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**Israel 1981
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May 1, 1980

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
Central Conference of American Rabbis
790 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of April 24th. We have added Rabbi Bob Lehman to our World Gathering list of invitees. Once on the mailing list he will receive copies of all our communications and can then convey the details to his colleagues at the Central Conference.

In addition, we would be delighted to have him participate in our deliberations, and I will see that he is invited to future meetings.

Many thanks for your interest.

Kindest personal regards and good wishes.

Cordially,



Ernest W. Michel
Chairman

EWM:G

February 20, 1980

Mr. Ernest Michel
U.J.A.
220 West 58th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Michel:

I hope that all is well with you and the family and that this note finds you in good health. As you know, I see your family in this neighborhood once in a while and I am often reminded of Mrs. Weil.

My reason for writing this note relates to your project of having the Holocaust survivors meet in Israel in June of 1981. As you know, our congregation has done some work in this field with particular reference to Rosalyn Manowitz's book, "Reflections On The Holocaust", with which you are already familiar.

Furthermore, the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will also take place in June of 1981 in Jerusalem. It would be a shame if a way could not be found for your group and ours to come together on some level of mutual interest, perhaps for an exchange of views or, at the very least, to obtain a report as to what your group has accomplished.

Because I believe that the tenor of your deliberations would be of interest to all of my colleagues, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Joseph Glaser, the Executive Vice President of the C.C.A.R.

I look forward to meeting you soon and send to you warmest greetings and best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk

CC: Rabbi Joseph Glaser

May 1, 1980

Rabbi Joseph Glaser
C.C.A.R.
790 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Joe,

Thanks for your letter of April 24th and April 28th. I am very grateful for your confidence in me. I will be happy to accept the designation of C.C.A.R. Representative.

The problem is that I have no appointment as yet from the Michel group and I certainly do not want to be in conflict with Schindler's representative. I will be happy to speak for a very brief time in Pittsburgh but really am doing so in a void unless I have an official communication from the other side.

We can discuss the matter further as June 23rd draws closer but, in the meantime, I want you to know that you can count on me.

Warmest greetings and best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk

May 16, 1980

Dr. Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director
World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors
1 Park Avenue
Suite 418
New York, New York 10016

Dear Dr. Mozes:

I was extremely pleased to receive your very gracious communication of May 14th designating me as a member of your Executive Committee. As you know, I have already been appointed as a representative of the C.C.A.R. to your group and I look forward to a fruitful association. I will try my very best to make mine a meaningful liaison between these two important organizations.

Please be assured that I will do everything possible to be of service to you and to further the concept inherent in this World Gathering. My Congregation is aware of the appointment and I am free to speak and travel on your behalf at your invitation. I will, of course, in terms of my own Congregation, do everything possible to disseminate the pertinent information. I look forward to meeting you personally and to participate in an active capacity with the Executive Committee.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LENMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk
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C.C.A.R.
Mr. Ernest Michel
U.J.A.

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May 14, 1980

Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director

Rabbi Dr. Robert L. Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation
551 Fort Washington Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Rabbi Lehman:

As recommended by Rabbi Joseph Glaser, Executive Vice President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, I am pleased to let you know that you have been designated as a member of the Executive Committee of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

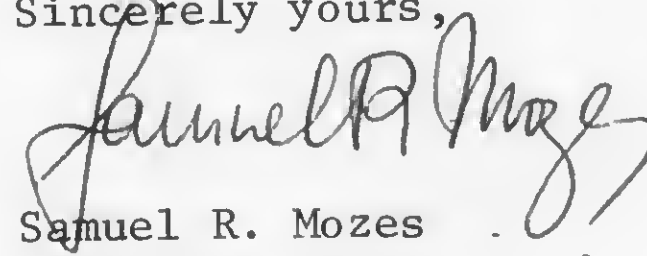
In the name of our Chairman Ernest Michel, I am happy to welcome you to our leadership and am looking forward to future fruitful collaboration.

Under separate cover you will receive reports of our past meetings, and I am placing you on our regular mailing list. Our printed brochure will be ready in a few days.

If you could help us to distribute it to survivors known to you, I will be glad to forward the required number of copies.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director

SRM:mm



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Office of the Executive Vice President

May 19, 1980

Rabbi Jerome R. Malino
141 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Jerome:

I'm not sure whether I have communicated this to you or not, but just to be on the safe side, we should hear from Bob Lehman who is representing us on the Organization of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors which will take place in Jerusalem in June in 1981. There is a need to advertise this gathering widely and it would be a good thing or Bob to speak for a few minutes on Monday afternoon at the Pittsburgh convention imploring the rabbis to spread the word so that as many survivors as possible will be encouraged to attend that gathering.

We have just learned that Jack Stern will not be able to make the Placement report on Monday afternoon, which gives us time for Bob.

Would you please change your agenda accordingly so that you will call Bob up, I would suggest at the time when the agenda calls for Jack Stern.

All good wishes.

Shalom,


Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

JBG/s

cc: Rabbi Robert Lehman, Rabbi Elliot Stevens

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Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director

MEMO

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Samuel R. Mozes

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting April 22, 1980

I enclose for your reference and approval the combined minutes of the meeting held by the Executive Committee on April 22, 1980. You will note that the general minutes were prepared by James Rapp, Secretary of the Executive Committee, while the summaries of the Treasurer's report and the Executive Director's report were prepared by the undersigned.


Executive Director

WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1980

Conference Room Jewish Agency
515 Park Avenue
New York City

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ernest W. Michel
Development of Program
Discussions in Israel
Discussions in England
Public Relations
(Proposal of satellite TV transmission)
Introduction of South African guest Miriam Lazarus
2. REMARKS BY MRS. MIRIAM LAZARUS
3. REMARKS BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Benjamin Meed
4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Mr. Norbert Wollheim
5. REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Mr. Samuel R. Mozes
6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 1980

The meeting was opened and chaired by Ernest Michel. He reported about his recent visit to Israel and his negotiations with Israeli survivor organizations. A committee was established under the guidance of Stefan Grayek and Asriel Zimche to coordinate work and planning in Israel. The Rogow Agency and Albany Atzeret were contacted by him to make all technical arrangements for logistics of the World Gathering. In general, he met with favorable response and support from all the people contacted while there.

Chairman Michel called on Rabbi Chaskel Besser to help organize the Orthodox Jewish community for the World Gathering. Rabbi Besser expressed his affirmation of the importance of this undertaking. He promised complete support, in his capacity as an active participant in various organizations, to make this the success it deserves. He asked for the involvement of the second generation of survivors and pointed out that a pilgrimage to the places of destruction of the Jewish community in Europe should be planned and could be of great value and significance.

The Chairman then introduced Mrs. Miriam Lazarus, our activist from South Africa, and one of the youngest survivors. Mrs. Lazarus reported how she was contacted and became involved with this great historical event. She has begun a campaign to organize the survivors in South Africa and will do everything in her power that this should become a manifestation of Jewish survival and commitment.

Chairman Michel reported that arrangements are nearly completed with a travel firm in New York, which will work in conjunction with another firm in Israel, to take care of all air and land requirements of participants. He called on all present to sign up personally and to commit at least ten other individuals to the gathering. He asked everyone to fully commit and devote ourselves to this holy task as an expression of our solidarity and concern for Israel.

Benjamin Meed, Vice Chairman of the World Gathering, expressed the urgency of getting people committed to travel. He voiced his disappointment at the number of registrations thus far received and emphasized that there is very little time left to meet with success. He emphasized the importance of this task, that we must do our utmost to work hard to commit ourselves to bringing our families, children, friends and associates with us. He expressed the belief that we owe it to ourselves and to the memory of our martyrs to participate in this once in a lifetime act of remembrance. It is later than we think.

Kalman Sultanik, Vice President of the World Jewish Congress, mentioned that he will be leaving soon for South America and will try to organize the South American continent for the World Gathering, and will do his utmost to see that we meet with success.

Al Ronald, liaison officer for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, reported that the Reform Movement will do everything in its power to help and support us in this worthy cause.

Abraham Bayer, of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council mentioned that all of his constituent organizations were approached to support this undertaking. News of our gathering will be published in publications such as Hadassah, A.D.Letter, National B'nai B'rith Magazine, Jewish War Veterans, and Mizrachi.

We noted the presence of Abe Foxman, Executive Vice President of ADL, of B'nai B'rith, and also Vice President of the American Federation of Jewish Nazi Victims.

Joe Tekulsky, Chairman of the American Federation of Survivors, reported of his recent visit to the South where he organized groups for the World Gathering. He was pleased to report great enthusiasm for this task.

It was reported by our chairman that the West Coast is being organized. Meetings have been held in Los Angeles and San Francisco and more will be forthcoming. Furthermore, Herman Taube of Washington D.C., promised to devote four weeks of his vacation time to travel all over the United States for the purpose of promoting and recruiting groups for the World Gathering.

Our Chariman mentioned negotiations with television producers for coverage of the entire four-day program to be transmitted via satellite throughout the world.

Jack Eisner pointed out there is a way to get funds for this type of programs, especially from individual stations which will provide news to audiences, in order to subsidize persons who can not afford the full cost but are willing to go to the gathering.

Hadassah Rosensaft, leader of the Bergen Belsen Group, promised support for this cause, and asked for more careful and proper programming of this historical event. She was unhappy about the recent television program on survivors on WNET, New York.

Jack Begelman from Cleveland, Ohio, reported about activities for the purpose and the great need, importance, and moral value of the gathering.

We asked our treasurer, Norbert Wollheim, for a financial report. He pointed out the need for more funds. Out of \$20,000 thus far received, we have only \$13,000 left in the treasury. He expressed disappointment in the number of registrations so far received by our office.

Sam Bloch, our public relations specialist, reported about certain additions and corrections in our advertisement in order to get more deposits from participants and more registrations.

Mr. Michel welcomed the attending representatives of the second generation and announced that a special meeting will be held with the second generation to review their progress, suggestions and ideas.

Mr. Michel noted that the program for the World Gathering will include four days of planned activities, beginning with an inaugural assembly at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The second day will include visitation to kibbutzim of survivors and possibly an assembly at Latrun or at Massada. The third day will consist of cultural programs and other events for the second generation of survivors. The fourth day will include a meeting outside the Knesset in Jerusalem and a march to the Western Wall. Also planned may be a "freedom train", a survivors camp, etc. Teddy Kolek, Mayor of Jerusalem, promised us that all facilities and offices of the city of Jerusalem will be at our disposal.

Last but not least our Executive Director, Prof. Samuel R. Mozes gave us a report on past and future activities of the World Gathering, and his efforts on its behalf. He introduced his assistants: Mrs. Molly Michels and Mrs. Chia Reinhard. He also expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Frank Reiss, Dr. Joan Salamon, Mrs. Liora Kotzer Leonard, and Miss Wendy Wollner for their volunteer contributions at our office.

On a note of accomplishment the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

James Rapp

WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1980

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: NORBERT WOLLHEIM

1. As a result of our fund-raising effort, six (6) foundations have contributed the total of \$2,700. Additionally a pledge of a contribution has been made by the Jewish Communal Fund of New York.
2. To date we have thirty-one (31) paid registrations in the total amount of \$2,800. (Occasionally two persons register and pay jointly \$100.)

Out of the above number of registrants twenty-one (21) are members of the Executive Committee and their spouses. This actually represents thirteen (13) members of the Executive Committee out of the present number of 61 members in the United States.

In other words, 48 members of the Executive Committee have not yet registered.

3. We have received eleven (11)^{small} unsolicited contributions from the general public in the total amount of \$210.
4. We maintain two accounts in the Bank Leumi. Our "accommodation account", which covers all contributions from outside sources, shows a balance of \$3,053.18, plus \$10,000 at approx 13% in certificates of deposit due April 28, 1980.

Our "administrative . account," which covers only paid registration fees, shows a balance of \$2,800.

April 22, 1980

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAMUEL R. MOZES

1. Distribution of new list of Executive Committee members

- Many new members; list is growing;
- Intend to recruit members from every major Jewish center in the US and all Jewish communities overseas; also: International Leadership Committee
- Very happy to see several representatives of the Second Generation; Welcome their participation; looking forward to their contribution in terms of planning and ideas.
- Two Honorary Chairmen: Wiesel and Veil; letter from Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies in Los Angeles suggesting that Wiesenthal be similarly honored. Would like the reaction of the Executive Committee.

2. Present staff

- In addition to myself, Assistant Molly Michels and Editorial Assistant Chia Reinhard. Chia is helping us to develop a newsletter which will be sent to everyone on our mailing list. She is also helping to develop several categories of mailing lists for our daily operations. Interne Wendy Wollner helping with fund-raising operations.
- Need: public relations person on a permanent basis.

3. Volunteers

- Dr. Frank Reiss has suggested that each Jewish community federation sponsor one or more survivors who cannot afford to pay for themselves. He is also contacting for us several associations of Jews from central European countries.
- Liora Leonard made a translation of our background memo into Hebrew. We also have translations made by UN staff members into French and Spanish, and requested a translation into Dutch to be made in Holland.
- Dr. Joan Salomon made a beautiful design for our new stationery, in five languages: English, Hebrew, French, Spanish, Yiddish. She also designed a logo which will be used on all our publications.

4. Promotion: Reaching the Survivors

- We are developing contacts with the following types of organizations:
 - (a) Jewish community federations; some of which have committees or subcommittees on the Holocaust;
 - (b) Local organizations of survivors. It is interesting to note that recently several new such groups have been formed. For some reason, after all these years, survivors are getting together in places where previously they had no contact with each other. Here in New York there is a new Auschwitz group.

(c) Holocaust study centers and libraries.

(d) Major religious associations and institutions. We have been a little slow in getting in touch with religious groups, but we consider this very important. We have established an excellent liaison with the Reform movement, whose head, as you know, Rabbi Schindler, is himself a survivor. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has appointed a representative to our Executive Committee who is present here tonight: Mr. Ronald.

We have also contacted the Orthodox movement, and I am very happy to report that an Orthodox leader Rabbi Besser is present here tonight. We are going to continue to work on this matter, because we feel that a major Jewish enterprise such as ours, without religious inspiration and participation, would be sterile and perhaps even self-defeating.

- During the recent Commemorations of the Holocaust (in Temple Emanu-El in New York and in several other cities), we have distributed special abbreviated pamphlets and flyers, and we are beginning to receive back some of the coupons from these pamphlets.

5. Preparation of descriptive brochure

- We have developed a descriptive brochure, as was suggested during the previous meeting of the Executive Committee. This brochure is now being printed, and very soon we will be able to distribute it and to send it to anyone asking for information. I would like to express my special appreciation to a member of our Steering Group, Sam Bloch, for his guidance and help and unusual resourcefulness in producing the brochure and getting it through the printer. Everyone on the Executive Committee will receive a copy. A second brochure, containing travel options and prices, will follow as soon as we will have this information.

6. Selection of Travel Representatives

- This brings me to the subject of the process of selection of travel representatives, with which we have been occupied for several weeks. Invited and interviewed (repeatedly) ten (10) major firms in New York. (Show chart.) All of them were highly competent, and cooperative, and eager to work with us. This is what has made the selection even more difficult.
- We have finally narrowed the field down to three firms, and then to one. Next week our land and travel representatives in Israel, Albany Travel, will be visiting here in New York, at our request, and a three-way agreement will be developed between the two firms and ourselves. Immediately afterwards we will prepare a list of travel options and prices that could be incorporated into a new brochure and finally presented to the public.

7. Fund Raising

- An application folder containing full information about the World Gathering has been mailed to several hundred major and minor Jewish foundations around the United States. Did not expect much of a response, but some gifts have arrived, as indicated in the Treasurer's report. Will continue to work on this. Separately will develop applications to major foundations and possibly also to major corporations.
- Separately, a request for a grant is being sent out to the 16 major Jewish urban communities throughout the United States. We have a good indication that there will be positive response. Thanks to the fund-raising talents and experience of Ernie Michel.

8. International Contacts

- While we do all these other things, we are continuously working on developing new international contacts, so as to be able to reach Jewish survivors everywhere. We have not yet begun to travel (which we will later), but we are doing this by correspondence. The presence here tonight of Miriam Lazarus, from South Africa, may serve as evidence of our success.
- In addition to South Africa, we have established liaison with Jewish leadership in England, France, Belgium, Norway, Australia.
- Of course of major importance is liaison with Israel itself, and as you know Ernie Michel has concluded an agreement whereby two representatives of survivors in Israel are now members of the Steering Committee of our Executive Committee.
- Although in some countries there may be a small number of survivors, we feel that these countries should be represented both as a matter of principle and as a matter of unity of the Jewish people.

9. Volunteers for Work in Israel

- You may be interested to know that several young people, American Jews, have written to us to volunteer their services while they study in Israel. They are very enthusiastic, and if possible we will take advantage of their offers.

10. Discussions of Purpose and Program

- I may conclude by pointing out that several members of the Executive Committee have continued to discuss and review different aspects of the purpose and the proposed program of the World Gathering. Letter from Benjamin Grey (Los Angeles: American Congress of Jews from Poland) concerning an "electrifying" definition of purpose. Suggestions will be welcome.

May 23, 1980

Rabbi Joseph Glaser
C.C.A.R.
790 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Joe,

I look forward to speaking for a few minutes on Monday afternoon on the "World Gathering".

At the same time, would it not be a good idea to put an item into the next C.C.A.R. Newsletter, perhaps the one designated for the Fall? If you approve, please let me know and also inform me as to the date by which you must have the matter and the approximate length of the article.

I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

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Office of the Executive Vice President

May 29, 1980

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10033

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of May 23.

Yes, we will welcome an article for the News Letter. One column should do it. It could either go into the summer issue which we usually try to get out sometime in August or in the fall issue. You just send it to us and we will put it in the next one after we receive it.

I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.

All the very best.

Shalom,



Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

JBG/s

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June, 1980



Dear Friend:

We enclose our first printed descriptive brochure on the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Please read it carefully.

We would like to explain that this is preliminary information, as we continue to work intensively on developing all aspects of our program, and as leading personalities and organizations join our effort.

Please help us to publicize this important event. If you know other survivors, please inform them about the World Gathering or send us their names and addresses so that we could place them on our mailing list.

Although this brochure does not contain travel options and prices, we urge you to send in without delay your registration form and payment, which is refundable. We cannot adequately plan specific events and arrangements for June 1981 unless we know how many people are committed to be with us. In the meantime, however, we are preparing the detailed travel schedule, which will be forwarded to you later this summer.

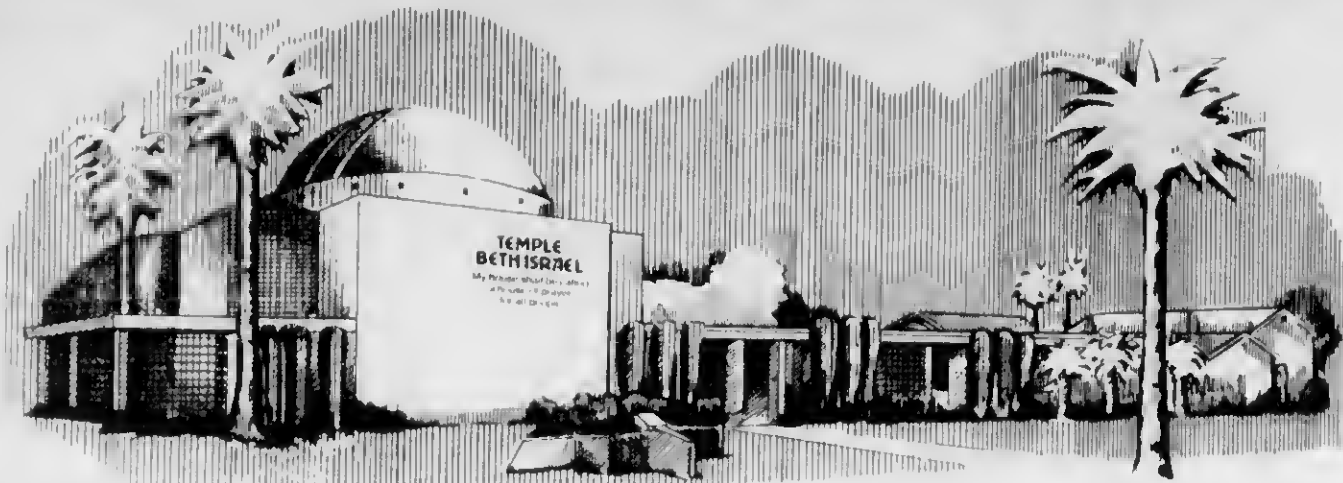
ISRAM Travel has been designated as our agency for the United States and Canada. You are free to approach other travel agencies but we urge you not to do so because your registration fee will then have to be \$200 instead of \$100, as ISRAM is assisting us in our promotional activity. Therefore please don't delay it: send in your \$100 per person as soon as possible. (In countries other than the United States and Canada, please contact our local travel representative listed in the enclosed overseas sheet.)

With best wishes, and looking forward to your immediate response.

Ernest W. Michel
Chairman, Executive Committee

Sincerely,

Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director



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June 2, 1980

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
551 Fort Washington Ave.,
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Bob:

I was happy to learn that you are the CCAR representative to the world gathering of the Holocaust Survivors. I will make this information available to some of the survivors who might be attending the conference.

I want to wish you all the best in your future, and that you will have great success. I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh. All the best from house to house.

Shalom.

RABBI ALBERT PLOTKIN

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May 23, 1980

Rabbi Albert Plotkin
Temple Beth Israel
3310 North 10th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Dear Albert,

I saw in one of your recent Bulletins the item referring to the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. I am happy that you are giving full display to this event and want you to know that I am the C.C.A.R. representative to the "World Gathering" Executive Committee, and was also appointed by them. I will be speaking on the subject for a few minutes on Monday afternoon at the Pittsburgh convention.

If you obtain any response and if I can be of help to you in any way, being the official representative, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh. Warmest greetings to you and if possible, please convey as well my greetings to the Mosbacks.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk

RABBINIC CABINET / UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

June 12, 1980

Dear Colleague:

You have undoubtedly read or heard about the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, scheduled to take place in Israel. As Chairman of the Rabbinic Cabinet, I am writing to you to enlist your support and urge you to publicize this event and encourage Holocaust survivors in your communities to attend.

It is now 35 years since the Holocaust and the great majority of those who were fortunate enough to survive are in their 60's and 70's. Conscious of the passing of time and the fact that, in all likelihood, this will be their last opportunity to meet as a group -- and bear personal witness to all that was -- the dates are now set for June 15-18, 1981, the 37th anniversary of their liberation.

I am pleased to report that enthusiasm and emotion are running high and that thousands of survivors from throughout the world and Israel -- including spouses, children, even grandchildren -- will participate. The event will be held under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Israel, Menachim Begin; President of the European Parliament, Mme. Simone Veil of France, and Elie Wiesel will serve as co-chairmen. While the event will pay tribute to the six million who perished, the spirit will be affirmative in that they will dwell on the survival of the Jewish people and the continuity of Jewish life.

Committees have already been established in Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Israel, South Africa, and Venezuela. Since the organizers are serving as an ad hoc body of survivors, and since there is no central listing in the United States of all living survivors, they turn to us in asking that we share these details with our communities. Hopefully, you will publicize the event from your pulpits and synagogue bulletins. As I am sure you can appreciate, we are eager to reach out to each and every survivor, and your cooperation will go a long way to helping us achieve this goal.

The enclosed background memorandum, press clippings and ad which we ask that you include in your synagogue bulletins, will give you an even broader perspective of what we recommend. The committee is also at work developing a poster which we hope to distribute to you at a later date.

Chairman

RABBI STANLEY S. RABINOWITZ

Vice-Chairman

RABBI HASKELL BERNAT

Director

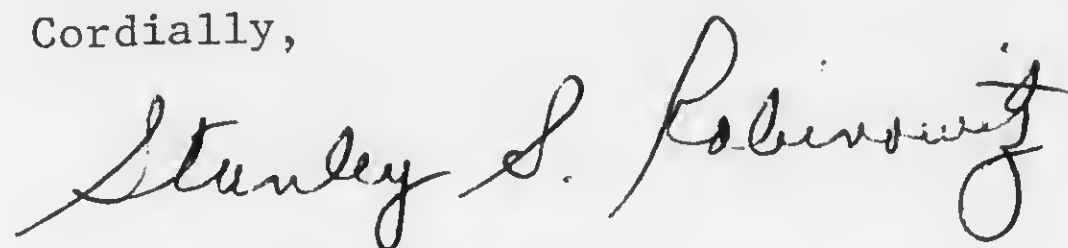
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In closing, I want to say that this event promises to be one of major consequence in contemporary Jewish life and that I am sure we will all approach it with a great sense of awe and responsibility. Therefore, on behalf of the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and our colleague, Ernest Michel, Executive Vice President of UJA of Greater New York and The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and Chairman of the Executive Committee for this event, who has passed on this information to the Rabbinic Cabinet -- and all Holocaust survivors -- I want to thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

Warmest good wishes.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stanley S. Rabinowitz". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Stanley" being the most prominent.

Stanley S. Rabinowitz

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Survivors from all over the world to meet 36 years after Holocaust

By ELENORE LESTER

It started as a dream nearly four decades ago, a dream shared by hundreds of thousands in the death camps and millions more suffering, fighting in the ghettos, hid-



Ernest W. Michel

ing in the forests, fleeing in the countryside, crossing mountains by foot, burrowing in mud, swimming rivers and crossing seas to escape.

The dream was to survive and someday gather together to make the world listen.

The dream will become a reality at the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors

— Israel 1981, to be held in Israel next year from June 15 to 18.

Announcement of the event was made last week by chairman of the executive committee for the event, Ernest W. Michel, an Auschwitz survivor, now executive vice president of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Gathering as one

"This is strictly a survivor's event. It isn't sponsored by any organization. It won't result in any organization. It is a once-in-a-lifetime happening," said Michel. "We survivors will gather in one body, speak in one voice — not to mourn or cry, but to express in our survival the survival power of the Jewish people, and to leave a testament to future generations."

Michel said that although he had dreamed of such a gathering while he was a



Simone Weil



Elie Wiesel

youth in the death camp, the idea didn't begin to crystallize until three years ago in a conversation with other survivors in a kibbutz in Israel.

May be last opportunity

"We decided it was time — June, 1981 coincides with the 36th anniversary of the liberation from the camps," said Michel. "The number 36, of course, represents double chai or life."

As chief organizer, Michel said that he was also aware that "this is almost the last opportunity for us all to meet. I am one of the younger survivors — many are in their late 60's and 70's and in a few years some won't be around and others won't be able to come."

At this point the committee has no idea of how much participation may be expected. Survivors from all over the world, some of them not connected with any Jewish organization, will be asked to join the convocation.

Hope for many thousands

"It could be 3,000 or 25,000 or much

more," said Michel. "One thing I am sure of — people who have never come forward before, people who never wanted to talk about their experiences, may decide that for this once-in-a-lifetime event, a historic event for the Jewish people, they will participate."

Two of the world's most famous survivors will be honorary chairmen — Simone Weil, president of the European Parliament, and Elie Wiesel. Prime Minister Begin will serve as honorary patron.

Plans for the event are still in the process of formation. However, a few firm ideas have been set forth.

First, each survivor will be asked to come with a tape on which he or she will record the basic facts of his life before the Holocaust, what happened to him during the Holocaust and what his life has been since. This will be deposited at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial.

Second, each survivor will be asked to bring a stone from the place where he now resides. These will also be brought to Yad Vashem, to build a special survivors' monument.

Third, some form of testament will be presented to the son or daughter of a survivor, symbolizing the passing on the knowledge of survival to future generations.

Simultaneous announcements

Simultaneous announcements of the event were made last week in countries throughout the world and the major cities of the United States in order to reach every possible participant. Michel said that although there were no funds to bring people to Israel, he hoped that individual communities would help those who wanted to attend, but were financially handicapped.

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World Holocaust survivors meet after 36 years

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He said some Jewish organizations were supplying a small amount of seed money, but that was all.

Planning and administrative aspects are being handled by the survivors. Samuel R. Mozes has been appointed executive secretary and the office of the World Gathering is located at the World Jewish Congress, One Park Avenue, Suite 418, New York, New York 10016.

So far the program calls for an initial gathering and memorial service at Yad Vashem, then a march of survivors through the streets of Jerusalem to the Western Wall. Later there will be special events at three major kibbutzim in Israel where survivors reside and finally a concluding rally in Ramat Gan stadium. Special programs for the second and third generations will be planned and children and grandchildren encouraged to participate.

"If the crowds are such that we have to use tents, we'll do it," said Michel. "After all, we've lived in barracks and bunkers."

Norbert Wollheim, who sued I.G. Farben, the German munitions company for compensation for slave labor performed in Auschwitz and who won the case for himself and thousands of others, will serve as financial secretary of the convocation.

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A Dream Fulfilled:

WORLD GATHERING OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL JUNE 15-18, 1981

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (JTA) -- The six years he spent in Nazi concentration camps, including two at Auschwitz, between the ages of 16 and 22, left Ernest Michel with a major goal. "When I was in the camps I had a dream that someday we would all be able to come together as one and say to Jews and non-Jews all over the world that what happened to us must never happen again in human history," he said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Michel, who is executive vice president of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, said he believes this dream will be fulfilled with a gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors and their children in Israel June 15-18, 1981.

"This event will say" that the Holocaust must never reoccur, Michel said. "As such I believe it will be a unique event in Jewish history. It is something we owe to the memory of those who didn't survive and to ourselves."

At a press conference today at 515 Park Avenue officially announcing the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Michel added that the four-day gathering is also something owed to "future generations." The gathering was also announced at press conferences today in Paris and Melbourne, it was reported here.

Michel is chairman of the World Gathering, which will be held under the patronage of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin. Author Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. President's Commission on the Holocaust, and Simone Veil, president of the European Parliament, are honorary chairmen.

At the press conference today, Kalman Sultanik, vice president of the World Jewish Congress and a member of the World Gathering's executive committee, said that the conference comes at a "symbolic" moment when, "as in the time of Hitler," not only Israel and the Jewish people are threatened "but all mankind."

Sultanik, a member of the underground in Poland during World War II, said that after the Holocaust the survivors believed that "anti-Semitism would vanish and that the State of Israel

would be secure within defensible borders and in turn provide security for the Jews of the diaspora." But he said the United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism demonstrated that "the blatantly biased majority of Arab petrodollars and Soviet-dominated delegates seek to delegitimize the State of Israel."

A statement was read from Wiesel, who was in Washington reporting on his recent visit to Cambodia, in which the Holocaust survivor noted that "Only in remembering what has happened to our brothers and sisters under the Nazi oppression can we expect to be able to remind and advise the rest of the world how to prevent another catastrophe. Only in remembering what happened to us can the world assure that it will not happen to others."

Event Will Not Be Repeated

In his interview with the JTA, Michel said that the idea for the gathering originated in talks he had over the years with members of Kibbutz Netzer Sereni, a kibbutz made up of survivors of Buchenwald. The talks have been expanded in the last two years to include survivor groups in the United States and elsewhere.

Michel said the decision to hold the gathering in 1981 was made because this would be the 36th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps, which is twice Chai (18), the Jewish symbol of life. "It will be a celebration of life," he said.

This will be an event that will not be repeated, Michel noted, since most of the survivors are in their 60s or 70s. He said the entire event is being run by survivors who make up the executive committee. There is also an international leadership committee made up of heads of Jewish communities and Jewish leaders.

Michel said the World Gathering will begin at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. He said survivors will be asked to bring a tape recording telling of their experiences which will be deposited at Yad Vashem. In addition, they are asked to bring a rock or stone from their countries which will be made into a "monument of those who lived, dedicated to those who died."

Other planned events include a march through Jerusalem of the survivors to the Western Wall; simultaneous meetings at three kibbutzim

founded by Holocaust survivors, Netzer Sereni, Lochamei Haghettaot, and Yad Mordechai; the collection and exhibition of personal Holocaust keepsakes brought to the gathering; and a rally at Ramat Gan Stadium where a "Written Testament to Future Generations" will be signed by all survivors and presented to the second generation. There will also be special programs for children and grandchildren of survivors.

Michel said that no one knows how many survivors are still alive, although the estimates are several hundred thousand. He said he believes 10,000-15,000 people may come to the 1981 gathering, which would make it the largest number of persons to come to Israel for a single event. He said one result of the conference, hopefully, is the putting together of a list of survivors.

Meanwhile, Michel is concerned with informing as many Holocaust survivors as possible about the event. Committees have been established in South Africa, France, Belgium, Venezuela and Australia, and in several U.S. cities, he said. Information can be obtained by writing to the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 1 Park Avenue, Suite 418, New York, N.Y. 10016 or at any World Jewish Congress office abroad.

FROM THE DESK OF
RABBI WOLLI KAEALTER

July 9, 1980

Dear Bob

Thank you for your recent letter. I missed your presentation at the Conference. However, I am most grateful to you for this early notice of the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Since Sarah and I expect to be at the CCAR in 1981 we will certainly arrange our schedule to participate in this unique event. And I will inform members of my congregation.

I would caution against creating a special role for rabbis in this context unless it be to teach some classes if such were planned. Survivors are survivors just as victims were victims and no distinction need be made in my judgment.

Shalom,

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July 3, 1980

Rabbi Edward E. Klein
Stephen Wise Free Synagogue
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Dear Ed:

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At the same time, I am writing to you with a question in mind. Once we, as Rabbis, are in attendance at the World Gathering How can we make our presence felt? How can we be effective; how could we best serve? What would be the rabbinic role in such context? If you have any ideas along these lines I would appreciate your sharing them with me and we will try to find a way of incorporating them into mechanics and/or program of the World Gathering.

Thank you very much. Warmest greetings to you and best wishes for a nice summer.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

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July 8, 1980

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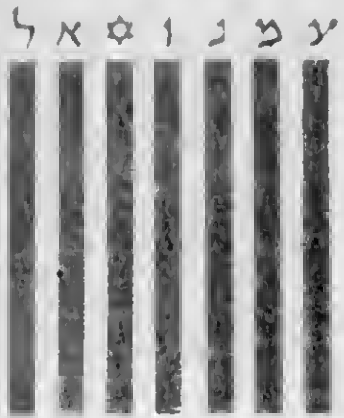
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Rabbi Robert Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation
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Dear Bob:

It was good seeing you, even if for but a few moments at the Conference. I have the feeling that your name and mine will go down in CCAR annals as the impressarios who brought Ruth Westheimer to the CCAR. I guess we could do worse. She seemed to have everybody interested and as usual she held them spellbound with her own spirit.

Your letter arrived concerning the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors. I wish I would have heard your presentation at the Conference so I would know a little bit more about the project. I am sure that is a necessary one and will be glad to help. I am not sure of what my plans are for the June, 1981 CCAR. I know that I will be going to Jerusalem in time for the conference and if it is at all possible I would like to be there a few days earlier for the gathering. I will try to inform survivors here of the gathering though I do not have all that many. If there is some promotional material I would appreciate receiving it.

With regard to what we, rabbis, can do at such a Gathering and how we can best serve - I am not quite sure. I would hate to see us placed in a "ceremonial" role similar to giving invocations and benedictions, etc. though in Israel it might be good to have the exposure of some liberal rabbis. It would, first of all, be good for the rabbis to meet as part of the larger gathering. I would like to see some exchanges of programming ideas for the local congregations to more effectively mark the Holocaust. Frankly, I haven't given the matter a great deal of thought but if something strikes me I'll let you know. In the meantime, keep me posted and be assured of my support.

Shalom,

Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley

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July 11, 1980

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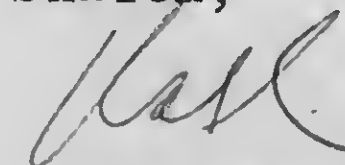
I received your letter and hasten to answer it since I will be leaving for Israel in another couple of days.

I share your desire to create some linkage between the CCAR meeting and the Holocaust Survivors Gathering next June. I also agree that it is important that we make our presence as Rabbis felt. However, at the same time I am aware of many problems, even as I am sure you are as well, having to do largely with timing. Perhaps those colleagues who generally take groups to Israel during the summer might be urged to plan their trip in sufficient time so that some period could be spent at the Survivors' Gathering. It would mean creating a different kind of touring arrangement but it is certainly not impossible.

As for the specifics of our Rabbinic role, I really don't have any bright ideas to share with you other than to suggest to the conveners of the meeting that some part in the program be reserved for Rabbis who are themselves survivors.

I wish I could be of more help. That's the best I can come up with at the moment. Thanks for writing. If I have any further thoughts, I will certainly forward them to you. Until then,

Shalom,



Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley

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July 11, 1980

Dear Robert:

Thank you for writing to me with regard to the gathering of survivors next year in Jerusalem in proximity to our CCAR conference. I will take this matter up with our Program Committee next October and/or with our Executive Board to see whether there are any possibilities of some involvement on the part of those rabbis who are in fact survivors of the Holocaust. At any rate, I thank you for calling this matter to my attention once again. You will hear from me after the October meeting.

Have a good summer.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Herman E. Schaalman
Rabbi

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from the study of
W. GUNTHER PLAUT
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Dear Bob,

I have already planned
on going to the Survivors
meet & hope to see you.

Incidentally, I am now
making up my schedule for 50/81
as Scholar-in-residence.
Interested?

Shalom

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Shalom, Bob,

Thanks for writing to me about the world gathering for Shoah survivors. If, by survivors, you mean those that fled before Hitler without necessarily having endured in the death camps, there are quite a number in our Congregation, and I will pass your request on.

As for your request that I comment on possible programming, I would urge that you consult with some of our colleagues who are survivors, like Isaac Neuman in Champagne, Illinois.

My best wishes to you personally, and my best wishes for a successful Conference.

Shalom,

RABBI DAVID POLISH .

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Bob -

Great hearing from you and to get your
ideas. Am on my way to camp for two
weeks. Let me ponder over what you
say and get back at you.

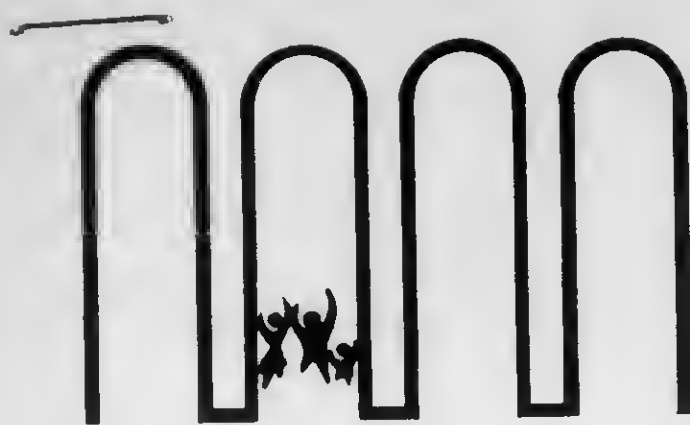
Every year I give 2 weeks to the
union institute. Oi, I'm getting older
and/or the kids get younger.

So I'll be in touch what you do
look really FINE. What I'll probably
ask you in DETAILS as to particular
courses.

Stay well. Thanks for writing. Best
from Rosalind.

In friendship,

Fritz.



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Rabbi

July 21, 1980

Dr. Robert Lehman, Rabbi
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Dear Bob,

I have been away on vacation for the past three weeks. Please pardon my delay in responding to your letter of July 2nd.

Yes, I heard your presentation at the Conference concerning the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors to be held in Jerusalem. I believe such an occasion will be both moving and memorable.

At the present time we are trying to arrange a congregational trip to Israel during the weeks preceding the Convention. Naturally, we would hope to be able to arrange for survivors to participate and I know that I would want to be present as well. For the past two years, I have served as the Chairman of the Holocaust Activities Committee of the Baltimore Jewish Council. In addition, I teach a course on the Holocaust at Goucher College. As such, my interest is obvious. We will publicize this event in our forthcoming Temple Topics because we have quite a few survivors, as you well know, as members of this congregation.

As for some ideas with respect to the Gathering itself, I would like to make the following proposal. I have been concerned for some time at efforts to tribulize the Jewish component of the Holocaust. Suddenly, there has been a strong move for universalism. As you know, books have been written denigrating the Jewish victimization in the Holocaust. Increasingly, the literature lumps Jews together as part of another episode of human tragedy.

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Dr. Robert Lehman
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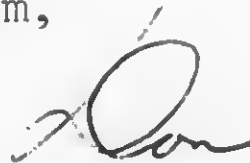
I believe that there are universal lessons to be gleaned. I am not unsympathetic to millions of people who were victims of Nazi aggression. However, for my part, the Holocaust was an endeavor to eradicate the Jewish people from the face of the earth. It was an assault on the Jewish people. Every Jew today is in a very strong sense a survivor. Therefore, I would hope that the Jewish emphasis will be highlited and not merely assumed because this event is taking place in Jerusalem.

Secondly, I believe that we Rabbis might be able to play a role in our commitments for a Jewish future. I would hope that we would not only dwell in a cathartic reminder of the past, but we would seek to find lessons for Jewish living in the future, both in Israel and in the rest of the world. To this end, I would suggest that a statement of principles be developed by a committee of rabbis. In turn, those rabbis in attendance would be asked to work in small study groups with those in attendance at the Gathering to plant seeds of Torah and Mitzvah. These study groups would endeavor to prepare some kind of study guide which would reflect their experience in coming to Jerusalem and which would be a link both to survivors elsewhere as well as congregations. In this way, the many rabbis and survivors who are unable to attend might be able to feel at least some small part of the World Gathering.

I hope these suggestions are worthy of some consideration. I will certainly convey the good wishes to your many friends who remember you with much love and warmth of feeling. I hope that you and your family enjoy a very restful and happy summer. Please keep me informed as to how things are developing for the World Gathering.

With every good wish to you,

Shalom,



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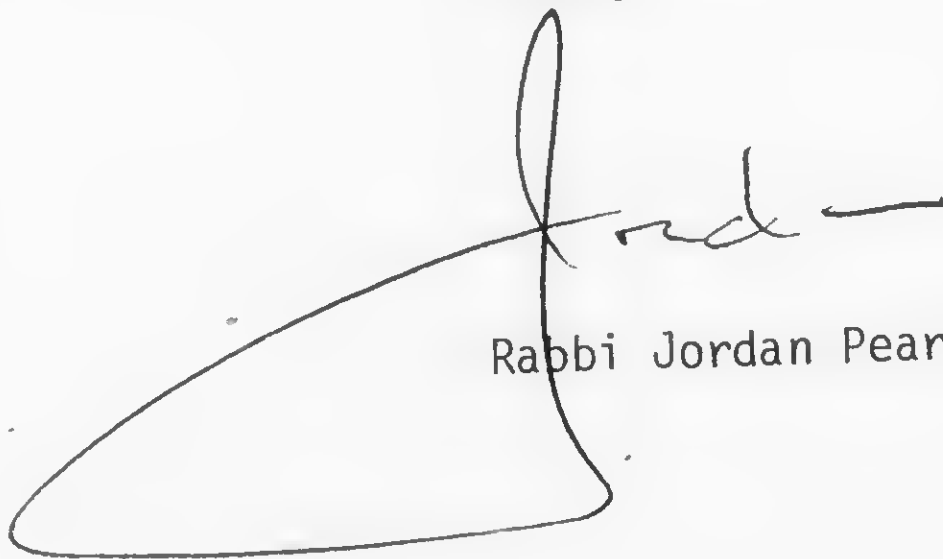
I was there at the announcement of the World Gathering and am delighted that you will be our link to this most important assemblage.

The most important voice on theological response to the Holocaust remains Rabbi Emil Fackenheim of Toronto. I would press for a place on the programme for men like yourself, Fackenheim and Steve Schwartzchild to make presentations. This trio would give us articulate and insightful theological input into a Conference where the underlying rage is bound to surface.

Fackenheim's thought would be most appropriate in this setting. It might be that a group of Rabbis (who had prepared themselves prior with Fackenheim's thinking and other resolutions of Holocaust questions) might be present throughout the Conference with some identification pins suggesting "Ask me -- let's talk about it". It could be a very effective programme for all concerned.

Be well. Do well.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jordan', with a large, sweeping loop underneath the name.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

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Jack Stern, Jr.
Rabbi

August 5, 1980

Dr. Robert L. Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle
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Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of July 2.

I would very much have liked to attend the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem from June 15 - 18.

Unfortunately, Bar Mitzvah Ceremonies and weddings will prevent me from participating. I hope that others of our colleagues are not in my same boat so that they can take advantage of this special experience.

Re thoughts on the Gathering - I have only two suggestions on the rabbinic role. One is to make available some of the interesting responsa material that has come out of the holocaust. The second suggestion is that we participate as witnesses to an experience that belongs to the survivors themselves - in other words, that we listen and be present rather than talk and direct.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Stern, Jr. (S.S.)
Rabbi

P. S. Thanks for your kind words about David. Priscilla and I were bursting our buttons.

DR. WALTER JACOB

RABBI

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July 14, 1980

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter about the meeting of the Holocaust survivors. It certainly is good that you are working on this for the CCAR. There are a couple of ways in which rabbis could make their presence felt. Of course, the most obvious is by conducting a service and such a service should then contain elements from our liberal liturgy as well, either Israeli or American. After all, a lot of liberal Jews from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary were also killed; (2) there might be some focus in a special session on Leo Baeck's "This People Israel" which was written in the concentration camp; this might be used for other similar material from the ranks of liberal rabbis; that would balance the responsa from Orthodox sources which has been published; (3) if you are dealing with survivors who left Europe, then perhaps some material from congregations in exile or circular letters (my father continued such a circular sent to congregants in twenty different countries till 1948), as well as an emphasis on the role which these rabbis played in resettlement and then in establishing new institutions throughout the world.

Good luck with this. Have a good summer. Once more regards to Lonie and Sharon. Irene sends her love.

Sincerely,



Walter Jacob

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WILLIAM A. ROSENTHALL
RABBI

July 23, 1980

Rabbi Dr. Robert L. Lehman
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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your formal letter of July 8th and the appended note. It is always good hearing from you and I thank you for your words on the Bloch Festival. It was truly quite an experience. You can catch it in the fall when it is on National Educational TV (when I don't know yet).

I hope Lonnie and Sharon are fine as well as your great self. We had planned to be in the Northeast, campus inspecting, during much of August but our plans have changed and I doubt if we will get much farther than the mountainous woods of North Carolina. Since you are going to Israel soon I shall say only that I hope you are enjoying the New York clime.

Now insofar as the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem is concered, I shall have to ponder this a bit. I do intend to be present and I hope I can bring the whole mishpacha with me. Certainly I would like to attend at least one of the sessions. The first thought that strikes me is that rabbis clearly identifiabile as Reform participate in the prayers, etc. From my observation, although Liberal and secular survivors play a mighty part in the regional associations and groups, undue preference is given to Orthodoxy. The Emanu-El venue in Manhattan I am fully aware of, even as I am the attacks upon it. I am rapidly losing patience with Traditionalists' intolerance and misrepresentation of history.

The above is perhaps a bit negative, but it bounced quickly off my shining pate. May best wishes to you all.


Rabbi William A. Rosenthal

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24 July 1980

Dr Robert L. Lehman
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Dear Bob:

I will call Cantor Herman with regard to meeting with him and whoever will be the Cantor for the Second Sanctuary Services. I think it a good idea to go over the services each and every year.

I will talk to Cantor Herman and I will talk to the people at School of Sacred Music to see if anyone might be available to be Baal Koreh for the Main Sanctuary. I have the feeling that it may be difficult to get someone just for that function.

I have been thinking about your suggestions concerning the Shoah for the last few days, particularly since Tuesday was Tisha B'Av. I find myself in a quandary. If you mean biblical verses that I could quote, the Book of Lamentations is full of them. However, the question is more than finding verses that describe the pain of our people. The Book of Lamentations as does the entire Bible operates with the assumption of if you are bad you get bad; if you got bad you were bad. Now I know that the Book of Job is the exception, but I find that that exception is not terribly helpful either is if you don't know, you don't know why. I cannot believe that the Shoah occurred because the Jewish People was sinful; I cannot believe that those of us who never had to face the Shoah were saved because we were virtuous. I know that I am saying that the Biblical text can't give us a particular insight into the Shoah. I can think of Midrashim which wrestle with the problem of theodicy; I am not sure that they would apply. I think the enormous literature surrounding the destruction of the Temple might be apropos. I will keep thinking about it.

Rabbinic

I hope that you and Lonnie have a very good vacation and enjoy the rest of the summer.

As ever,

Leonard



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August 19, 1980

Dear Bob:

I have just returned from Israel to find your July 18th letter and thank you for including me in your mailing. The World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors has been in direct contact with me, and I am trying to work with them on broadening the base of the Reform Movement's participation. They were to have contacted me in Israel, but apparently something went wrong and I missed the contact. I am not certain whether I can be in Israel at that early date, but if it is humanly possible, I will do my best to participate with you and others at this unique gathering.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

As always sincerely,

Alfred Gottschalk

Dr. Robert L. Lehman, Rabbi
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Under The Patronage of Prime Minister Menachem Begin

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August 25, 1980



To: Members of the Executive Committee
World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

From: Benjamin Meed, Vice Chairman

Subject: Registration

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from the → CCAR.*

We ask at this time that each member of the Executive Committee register to participate in the World Gathering, and that his or her spouse and children also register if they are planning to join us in Israel in 1981. We feel that those persons elected to the high honors of membership in the Executive Committee should show an exemplary initiative to the rest of the survivor community. The time to act is now!

A special roster of registered persons is now under preparation and will soon be publicized around the world. We urge you to assure that your name and the names of your accompanying persons are included.

The World Gathering registration fee is \$100 per person, or \$50 per anyone of the Second or Third Generation, that is, sons and daughters of survivors or the grandchildren. Please note that this fee is per person, not per family.

The registration fee covers all general expenses during the World Gathering itself: admission to all scheduled events; local bus transportation in Israel from collection points to the different program locations, and back; admission to the proposed Survivor Village in Jerusalem; some lunches during selected events, but not other meals; information kits; identification tags; computer tracing service of other survivors present at the World Gathering (proposed); public signs; worldwide publicity; security services; etc.

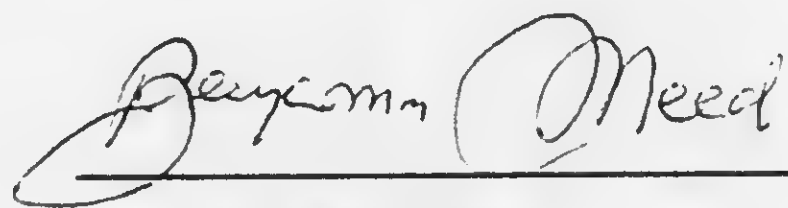
The registration fee is not part of travel arrangements. It must be paid by all participants, whether or not they make their travel arrangements or hotel reservations through our designated travel representatives. It is expected that, even after all registration fees are collected, half of the cost of the World Gathering, or more, will have to be supplemented from other sources.

The name and address of each registered person will be transmitted to our travel representatives, ISRAM TRAVEL, who will offer to explain the different travel opportunities and costs of travel to the World Gathering. The participant will be free to take advantage of all or some of these opportunities or to make other arrangements.

We ask all Executive Committee members to help us perform our very difficult task not only by registering themselves without delay but also by encouraging others -- survivors and their sons and daughters -- to register. We need your cooperation!

Please note that our new descriptive brochure is at the printers and within the next few weeks will be distributed to all Executive Committee members and all persons on our mailing list. We are facing an enormous task of logistics, and at this time we proceed on the basis of our faith in you and in the historic significance of our effort.

Please do not disappoint us and help make the World Gathering the historic event it deserves to become.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin Meed". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Benjamin Meed

September 23, 1980

Dr. Samuel Mozes
1 Park Avenue
Room 416
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Mozes,

I am sending this full report to you, with a copy to Mr. Michel, since I am having some trouble coming to the scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee. Not knowing the dates in advance, I missed the August meeting because I was in Europe and may miss the October meeting since I will be leading a tour to Israel for a two week period.

On the other hand, I have tried to gather some information as to what my group, Central Conference of American Rabbis, can do vis-a-vis the World Gathering and how we can be of service. As you know, our group will meet for its annual convention just five days after the end of the World Gathering and as I have indicated many times in the past, there should be a way found for us to share views and experiences. In that context, I am the CCAR representative to the World Gathering.

Enclosed you will find a small item which will be placed into the CCAR newsletter and will be distributed to ALL members in our Conference. I also spoke of the World Gathering at our 1980 Convention in June in Pittsburgh.

Further, I have written two dozen letters over the past several months asking colleagues how they view the idea of the World Gathering and what they see as a possible means of participation. Their response takes these several means of expression:

a) to serve as teachers of text for those to whom study is a part of every Jewish gathering. The text could be the Sidra or something pertinent to the Gathering concept: such as Eichon or Responsa Literature re Holocaust, Theological considerations.

b) to serve as leaders of the daily Minyanim or wherever a group meets and feels the need to say Kaddish, etc.

c) to serve as counselors to those in need. We speak different languages and could bear highly visible signs stating our country of origin, language spoken, that we are rabbis, and are willing to sit and talk to anyone, anyplace, especially the young.

d) we could be available to you in any capacity you see fit to use us.

As time goes by and as more information is disseminated, the men will respond in greater detail and numbers. As you know, I have my congregation's permission to go on speaking engagements if you so desire. I pass this information along to you so that it might be useful in your next meeting or discussion. If I can be of further help to you, please contact me. I will be in New York through October 6th and will return to my office on October 21st. All good wishes to you, especially for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

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Response
Rabbi "This People Is", written in
Friedlander
Circular letters (copy in file)

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September 29, 1980

Dr. Robert L. Lehman
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Dear Dr. Lehman:

Thank you for your report of September 23, 1980 and the attached text of your public announcement about the World Gathering. Your assistance and effort in our behalf are highly appreciated.

As we discussed it some time ago, since the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will start in Jerusalem only five days after the conclusion of the World Gathering, possible advance arrivals of some members of your group and their participation in the World Gathering would be highly desirable. This, of course, is something that would be best left to your group to plan for itself and make appropriate decisions.

I understand, however, that there may be a complicating factor in that it is proposed for members of the CCAR to visit Cairo before arriving in Jerusalem. If that is the case, I don't see how it could be done, unless your group would stretch its travel time so as to visit Cairo before the World Gathering begins. Another possibility would be to arrive in Israel first, and attend the World Gathering, and then make a side trip to Cairo for a few days.

Quite apart from the above technical question, I was very interested to hear of the rabbi's proposals for participation. Their ideas are interesting, especially since to date we have not as yet developed the necessary religious aspect of the World Gathering program. I would like to suggest to you that the CCAR prepare and submit to us a proposal containing its consensus on what could and/or should be the role of its members. I would also suggest that if this is done, consideration be given to the necessary parallel roles of Conservative and Orthodox rabbis, since obviously these religious functions should not be performed in isolation.

I visualize the possibility of announcing in our informational guide, at the time of the World Gathering, for example, that (a) a daily minyan is available,

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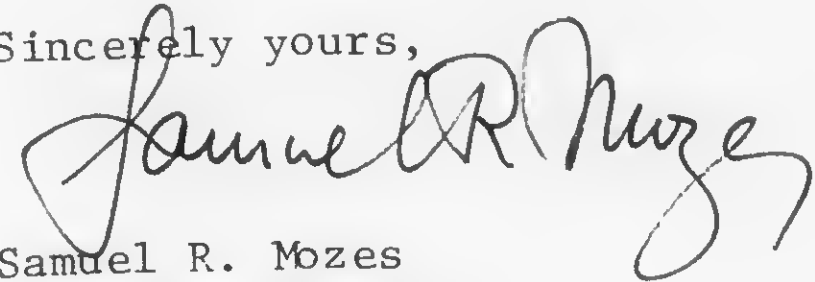
(b) rabbinical counselors in different languages are available, or (c) small groups would be meeting, perhaps at our proposed Survivors Village in Jerusalem, to discuss some aspects of the Holocaust. I am merely repeating here your own suggestions.

Now I turn to the public announcement which you have prepared. I am returning the copy you sent me, with some slight suggested corrections. These are small technicalities which are self-explanatory, and if there is still time, perhaps you could forward these corrections to whoever will print the announcement.

Shortly, we will have printed our revised informational brochure and travel information, and these will be sent to you as soon as possible. I regret that you will not be available for our next Program Committee meeting, but I will try to keep you informed. I have also noted your availability as a speaker in our behalf.

Thanking you, and with best wishes for the year 5741 and for the Succoth holidays,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Samuel R. Mozes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Samuel" being the most prominent part.

Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director

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WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

June 15 to 18, 1981

^{On}
~~To mark~~ the 36th anniversary of Liberation from the Camps there will be a World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem, June 15 to 18, 1981. It is expected that several thousand survivors and their families will attend; the ^{chairmen} co-sponsors, with the enthusiastic endorsement of the Prime Minister, are ^(Shimon Peres of Israel) Simone Weil ^(of the United States) and Elie Wiesel. ^(of France) The four day program, (a commemoration at Yad VaShem, visit to Kibbutzim of survivor communities, a pilgrimage to and and an affirmation at the Kotel, and a day dedicated to the second and third generation of survivors), will be "upbeat", on a very positive note to indicate that we have prevailed as well as hope for the future for ourselves and Israel.

The Executive Committee, of which I am a member, has asked me to communicate with the membership of the CCAR that word of the World Gathering be spread to our communities and that we expend every effort to have our congregants attend. Due to the old age of ^{many of} the survivors, this may well be a once-in-a-lifetime event. Plans for attendance and participation are now being formulated and application forms are available from World Gathering offices at 1 Park Avenue, N.Y.C. The lay people who are handling the World Gathering concept are Ernest Michel ^(Chairman) and Samuel Mozes, Executive Director and they are using the offices of the World Jewish Congress. As the CCAR representative to the World G₂thering you can write to me care of their address or to my Temple, 551 Ft. Washington Avenue, N.Y.C. 10033.

One additional factor: the dates for the World Gathering come close to the meeting of our own CCAR convention, starting June 23, 1981. It is our hope, therefore, that many of our men attend the World Gathering in Jerusalem prior to our own meeting. Further, your participation on some

level either as rabbis or teachers or counselors is possible if you would be good enough to communicate your ideas to me.

If you would like specific information or application forms or general literature in regard to the World Gathering, or desire a speaker in your community, please contact me at your earliest opportunity. This is a world-wide project we should support to the very best of our abilities.

Bob Lehman

DR. ROBERT L. LEHMAN
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November 12, 1980

Dear Friends,

Only one ingredient is missing as our season of activity moves into high gear:

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We will do our best to make up for this omission on FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19th.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
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As before, it will be an informal dinner, served family-style; only the first 130 reservations will be honored. We will make this a Tabernacle Family affair: lighting candles, making Motzi, singing songs, sharing as we welcome the Sabbath.

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Shalom,


ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

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October 1, 1980

Rabbi Isaac Neuman
Sinai Temple
3104 West Windsor Road
Champaign, Ill. 61820

Dear Isaac,

At the convention held in June, it was my privilege to address our colleagues and to inform them of the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors to be held in Jerusalem June 15th to 18th, 1981.

The closeness of these dates to those of our own CCAR Convention, (June 23rd to 28th), is obvious; it is our hope, speaking for the executive committee of the World Gathering that by coming a few days earlier to Jerusalem, you can attend what may be a once in a lifetime event. Also, if you have survivors in your congregation that you inform them of this meeting. As the CCAR representative to the World Gathering, I will be happy to serve you as a contact person.

At the same time, I am writing to you with a question in mind. Once we, as Rabbis, are in attendance at the World Gathering, how can we make our presence felt? How can we be effective; how could we best serve? What would be the rabbinic role in such context? If you have any ideas along these lines I would appreciate your sharing them with me and we will try to find a way of incorporating them into the mechanics and/or program of the World Gathering.

Thank you very much. Warmest greetings to you and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk

November 20, 1980

Rabbi Donald R. Berlin
Temple Oheb Shalom
7310 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21208

Dear Donald,

I was very pleased to receive your very kind letter and invitation to speak at your Temple in behalf of the World Gathering. It will be good to return since I have not been back since Abe Shaw had a special anniversary some years ago.

I take it for granted that you would like me to speak on a Friday evening as opposed to a Sunday gathering. If that is the case, I propose the dates of Friday, April 3rd or Friday, April 10th. Either of these two would be fine with me.

You are kind enough to ask about a fee but in this setting, I ask only that you pay my expenses and send a suitable donation in my name to The World Gathering, 1 Park Avenue, Suite 418, New York, New York 10016.

I appreciate your letting me know, at your earliest convenience, which date is suitable for you so that I can make my plans accordingly.

Warmest greetings to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
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DONALD R. BERLIN

Rabbi

November 14, 1980

Rabbi Robert Lehman
70 Park Terrace East
New York, N.Y. 10212

Dear Bob,

I would like to invite you to speak at our Temple... preferably on a Shabbat evening. It would be wonderful to have one of Oheb Shalom's former Rabbis on the pulpit, particularly one who is as effective a speaker as you. It would be an opportunity for you to discuss in greater detail the plans for the Holocaust Survivor's Gathering in Israel.

Jack Barth indicated to me that you might be willing to find time in your schedule to do this. Therefore, could you send me a list of alternative dates? I would also like to know, if you have an honorarium, what it is. It would be my personal pleasure to be able to welcome you "home." Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I trust this letter finds you enjoying the best of health and happiness. With every good wish to you,

Shalom,

DONALD R. BERLIN, Rabbi

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cc; Jack Barth

Sinai Temple.

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December 12, 1980
(Dictated December 11)

Dr. Robert L. Lehman
Rabbi, Hebrew Tabernacle
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, New York 10033

Dear Bob:

Please forgive the delay in writing to you, as I just returned from a month in Israel. Of course, I am interested in the World Conference on the Shoah, but I have not yet decided whether to attend or not. I am concerned about a number of things in connection with it, and in no way would I like to be a party to endorsing Begin's policies. I was in Israel when the demonstration at Birzeit University took place, and I saw no rhyme nor reason for shooting at 14-year-old girls' legs.

There is almost no way that such a conference could take place in Jerusalem without it being used by Begin (if he is still in office) for his brand of politics. I am deeply concerned about the survival of Israel and think that Begin is more of a threat to it than some of its outspoken enemies.

Politics aside, it is doubtful that I will have the time to attend the conference in June as my sabbatical will be over at the end of April, and I will return to congregational activities and a backlog of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, weddings, etc.

Thanks for asking me to participate in the event. That is the first time that the CCAR has asked me to do something. What usually happens is that they create instant experts. A rabbi goes down to South America for two or three weeks and returns as a full-baked expert on Latin America. Even though there are many of us who know the countries from first-hand experience, have served there for years, and have returned frequently and remained in touch with the events, if there is a "big shot" who has gone down on a cruise and spent 10 days or 14 days aboard a ship, and 3 days in 3 different countries, he returns as the "expert." I am pleased to see that the same does not apply to the Committee on Holocaust.

December 12, 1980


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Rabbi Lehman

I do not remember whether I ever thanked you for the book that the survivors in your congregation put together, so I will take this opportunity to thank you now for Reflections on the Holocaust. It is a very thoughtful book and carefully edited. Since I do lecture at colleges on the subject, I am from time to time using a quotation from the book, and I trust that it meets with your approval.

Warmest greetings.

Cordially,



Rabbi Isaac Neuman

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December 19, 1980

Samuel R. Mozes

Executive Director Rabbi Robert Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Rabbi Lehman:

Although I am away from my office I would like you to know that I appreciate your activity for the World Gathering.

Travelling, preparing and successfully addressing a community meeting takes time, effort and dedication and I thank you for putting forth that effort and doing it so well.

I welcome your active participation as a member of the Executive Committee and look forward to a continued fruitful relationship.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Mozes
Executive Director



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January 5, 1981

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
551 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10033

Dear Bob:

Thank you for sharing with me Isaac Neuman's letter. His situation is not unknown to me and one about which I am very sympathetic. I like Isaac and I think that we consider each other good friends, and I have a lot of admiration for him.

I think that his lament is quite justified and as I recall, I have tried to get him on the Responsa Committee, which I think he would be more than competent to serve, but the president of the Conference at the time, for whatever his own reasons were, did not agree, and I dropped it and, regrettably, forgot about it. I will do my best with our next president but would like a couple of back-up appointments and here you can be helpful by getting out of Isaac two or three appointments that he would be interested in and in which he has expertise.

Without sharing with him my confidence about the Responsa Committee matter, you might point out to him that you do know that committee appointments are made largely on application from members who indicate what their areas of interest and expertise are and that he can either write to us directly or feed the information through you.

Thank you for sharing this with me. You have a good heart.

Warmest good wishes.

Shalom,


Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser

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WILLIAM A. ROSENTHALL
RABBI

January 6, 1981

Rabbi Dr. Robert Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10033

Dear Bob:

Now that you have left the sunny Southland with its burning sands and are safely ensconced in your refuge by the Hudson I want to first of all thank you officially for being our pulpit guest that memorable Friday evening, and secondly for the pleasure of Lonnie's, Sharon's and your presence here in the Carolina Lowcountry. I wish that the weather had been different (it is quite cold again today).

Your pulpit message was well appreciated, and as I said, there will be a contribution from one source or another to the World Gathering a little later on. Let me know what your personal expenses were. As indicated before, I can promise nothing but I shall endeavor to find at least partial coverage.

Under separate cover you will be receiving a copy of the Bloch poster and a lithograph of the Temple. I hope you like them.

I also hope you enjoyed Williamsburg. Really, the easiest way of getting there is just to cross the Delancy Street bridge.

Cordially,

Rabbi William A. Rosenthal

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January 7, 1981

Rabbi Isaac Neuman
Sinai Temple
3104 West Windsor Road
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Isaac,

I have been thinking about your letter for a long time and I want to tell you how much I feel with you.

Knowing how these things work, I feel that you should write to Joe Glaser or to the incoming President telling him of your interest; and particularly your area of expertise. Personally, I think you should go through Joe and let him know that you are interested in an assignment and where you can be of greatest use.* Even if you did this earlier, do it again; there are always changes and new openings and new problems which arise and which must be dealt with by committee.

My warmest greetings to you and I truly urge you to follow my suggestion; being at the source, I have a good feeling as to how these things work and that you will find a receptive ear.

Have a good year and be well.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
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Jan. 9, 1981

Samuel R. Mozes
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Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Rabbi Lehman:

Enclosed please find a check for \$50.17 which covers your expenses for trip to Houston. A second check will follow within the next ten days representating another speaking mission made on behalf of the World Gathering.

We are delighted with the enthusiastic and positive response from the communities you visited as well as for the effort and enthusiasm put forth by you. With only five months left before the Gathering takes place, we must all keep the ball rolling!

Thank you again and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Molly Michels

Molly Michels
Assistant to Executive Director

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10101 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
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The Rabbi's Study

March 25, 1981

Dear Colleague:

I am a holocaust survivor---a special kind, however. And that is why I am writing.

Last spring I read in a newspaper article that a handful of distinguished holocaust survivors, like Elie Wiesel and Simone Veil, had met and planned a World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, to take place in Jerusalem from June 14-18, 1981. It was then hoped, and now expected, that as many as five thousand survivors would stream to Jerusalem from the four corners of the earth for this profoundly important occasion. Indeed, it can be said with no exaggeration that there has been no event related to the holocaust since the holocaust, itself, as epochal for the survivors, us Jews and the world.

The World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors will be the greatest gathering of survivors ever assembled---and that in itself would be enough to give it its place in Jewish history.

But it will be infinitely more than that. It will be: the first and perhaps the last time, since most are in their sixties and seventies, these thousands of survivors will be assembled together; a living kaddish by five thousand survivors to the six million dead; the survivors, their children standing at their side--a deeply moving and extraordinary affirmation of life by the very ones most entitled to deny it; a rededication to the State of Israel, savior of hundreds of thousands, haven and beacon for us all; the strongest of statements by five thousand survivors, blue numbers tattooed on their arm, that a holocaust, any holocaust, must never happen again.

I said I was a holocaust survivor---a special kind. Let me explain. For almost the first ten years I was a Rabbi the main motivation for what I did was---the holocaust. I worked with twenty-five thousand holocaust survivors, in Shanghai, China, as a World War II U. S. Army Chaplain. I volunteered again as an Army Chaplain, on special assignment in Europe, working in six Jewish refugee camps near Linz, Austria and participating in "aliyah bet." And, as the work with survivors merged into the activities involved in the establishment of the State of Israel, I became involved with "hagana", accepted the position of Assistant to Israel's Counsel General in New York, made "aliyah" to Israel, where I worked for the Government.

How does this make me a survivor? I am an American Jew. I was untouched by the holocaust. I did not even know the holocaust had occurred until it was over. But when I did finally learn about the unspeakable horror, I knew that there but for the "awful grace of God" had gone I. I was a survivor! Like any other survivor---but with one difference. I had escaped.

And this imposed an inescapable obligation---to do whatever I could to remember the six million and to "rebuild the ruins." That is why I did what I did immediately after the holocaust and why I offered my services last spring to those organizing the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. I was honored by being allowed to serve on the World Gathering's national Program Committee, on my own Washington, D. C. community's World Gathering committee---and by being asked to write to you, my colleagues.

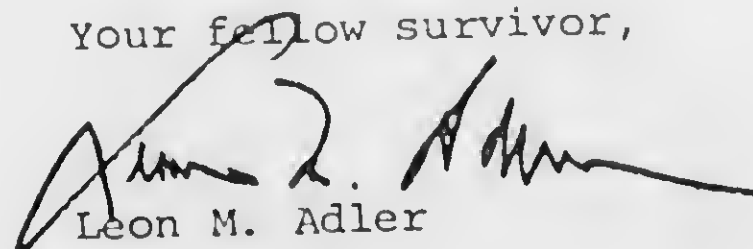
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Specifically, we ask you to do the following:

1. Familiarize yourselves with the basic information about the World Gathering by reading the attached and any other material available to you. Learn about the logistics. Equally important, become familiar with the program. These are a few of its elements: the Testament of Survivors, a legacy to posterity, to be signed by each survivor; the stones scratched with names brought by each survivor from all over the world to be made into a single monument at Yad Vashem; the torchlight march through the streets of Jerusalem by five thousand survivors from the Knesset to the Western Wall. All this, and more, will truly become a page of Jewish history.
2. Tell your congregation; send a personal letter; speak at services; use the congregational bulletin.
3. Find the survivors in your congregation and reach them directly.
4. Contact your local World Gathering committee through your Jewish Community Council and/or your Federation and offer your services. There are many additional needs: to reach unaffiliated survivors, to help survivors who cannot afford the expense of the trip to go, to make sure the local Jewish community and the media are fully informed.

I know the mail you receive, the demands on your time. I am one of you. But I wholeheartedly believe---and I pray you share my feelings---that the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors is more than a demand on our time. It is a demand on our very being---as Jews and Rabbis.

Your fellow survivor,


Leon M. Adler
Rabbi

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4. Contact your local World Gathering committee through your Jewish Community Council and/or your Federation and offer your services. There are many additional needs: to reach unaffiliated survivors, to help survivors who cannot afford the expense of the trip to go, to make sure the local Jewish community and the media are fully informed.

I know the mail you receive, the demands on your time. I am one of you. But I wholeheartedly believe---and I pray you share my feelings---that the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors is more than a demand on our time. It is a demand on our very being---as Jews and Rabbis.

Your fellow survivor,


Leon M. Adler
Rabbi

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April 9, 1981



Ernest Michel

Chairman, Executive Committee

Dear Friend and Fellow Survivor:

Even though I had - being the eternal optimist that I am - hoped for a positive response to my letter to you of Feb. 27 I must admit that the actual results were astonishing and a reaffirmation of your confidence in our efforts. Checks came in all amounts - from \$25 to \$5,000, for a total of \$16,000 as of this date. More are expected.

All of us on the Executive Committee are deeply grateful to you for your response. I, personally, want to thank you as well. Your contribution will help substantially to reduce our deficit.

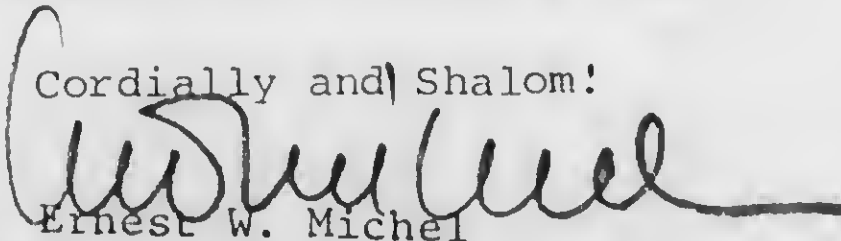
We want to apprise you of two new developments since our last communication. Our registration is over 2,000 from the United States alone, and still growing. By the time we meet in Israel, I have no doubt that the number will be over 3,000.

Interest in the World Gathering has developed to such an extent that PBS has agreed to televise highlights of each day's activities from Israel on the four successive nights of the World Gathering, over the entire Public Television Network. Time for direct satellite transmission from Israel has been arranged and paid for.

I would suggest that you get in touch with your local Federation and urge them to help publicize this event which is truly without precedent. If you live in a small city without a Federation, you may want to contact your nearest PBS station and urge them to show the program. (You should know that each station is independent and will make its own decision as to what program to put on the air.)

I assume that you have made your travel arrangements. If not, I urge you to do so quickly via Isram (New York toll free telephone number is 800 - 661- 1193., or your local agent. I am truly convinced that our Gathering in Israel will be an event that all of us will be proud to have had a part in.

Cordially and Shalom!


Ernest W. Michel

Chairman

World Jewish Congress American Section — World Gathering
One Park Avenue, Suite 418, New York, N.Y. 10016
Telephone: (212) 679-0600

- ① \$15,000 to Bus Co deposit
- ② Rotatorium on Camperspring on 1 day of World Gatz
- ③ 2nd Gatz \$15,000 re Yad, well, etc

④ 2 orig. lang: Yiddish & Heb; then Eng - to be legally: no signature of a person - but for all who to write, which version, this is competent to give final OK to be answered by 2nd generation

Issue of 2nd program: Ladrum, Cultural conflict.

Conflict betw Isr & Am. place in program, lines of planning & authority
 0221 = content in. US rejects bec of Cash
 ∴ Consider proposal of Ladrum.

Cult Ore - does not fit in
 3 special eds: Yad, Kotel & Ladrum
 K. purpose: That people meet & find @ other - cry, laugh, talk together
 Cult ore at K!

a master of "showbusiness" - us!
 should be on diff level - 'n' 10' x 80
 New needs Cult ore in Isr - better in NY.
 stick to basic issues

options: K & Lad; K only; L only - no K
 W: 2nd Gen & L
 Th: Kotel & Cult ore

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Samuel R. Mozes
Executive Director

Dr. Walter Jacob, Rabbi
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213

Dear Dr. Jacob:

On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to express our appreciation for the \$50 contribution to the World Gathering in honor of Robert L. Lehman.

We are grateful that the opportunity to address the congregants of the Rodef Shalom Temple was made available to Rabbi Lehman and we are delighted with the warm reception he received on our behalf.

Again, thank you and your colleagues for your personal involvement in this historic event.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Molly Michels

Molly Michels
Assistant to Executive Director



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Rabbi WM.A. Rosenthal
Temple Beth Elohim
86 Hassel Street
Charleston, S.C. 29401

Dear Rabbi Rosenthal:

I am writing this letter regrettably with delay acknowledging with pleasure your contribution of \$25 to the World Gathering.

We are delighted to learn that Rabbi Lehman had the opportunity to address the members of your congregation informing them of the upcoming once-in-a-life-time event.

Our historic undertaking is an enormous task and the support from your community is highly encouraging.

Again, please accept our deepest appreciation for your personal involvement in this endeavour.

Best wishes for a happy Pesach.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Michels

Molly Michels
Assistant to Executive Director





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DONALD R. BERLIN
Rabbi

April 17, 1981

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman
Hebrew Tabernacle
551 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Bob,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you so very much for coming to "our" Temple last weekend. I have gotten much positive reaction from our congregants. They all enjoyed seeing and being with you once again.

As per Jack Barth's instructions, enclosed please find two checks...one in the amount of \$50.00 for you personally, and one for \$50.00 for the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors. I am taking the liberty of enclosing another check for \$50.00.

May you and your family enjoy a very happy Passover with all of God's blessings.

Once again, thank you so much for taking part in our services.

Shalom,

DONALD R. BERLIN, Rabbi

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April 23, 1981

Mrs. Mollie Michels
World Gathering
1 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mollie:

Enclosed please find two checks totaling \$100 for the
World Gathering. I would appreciate this contribution
being acknowledged to:

Rabbi Donald R. Berlin
Temple Oheb Shalom
7310 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21208

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. LEHMAN
Rabbi

RLL/sk
Enclosure

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April 28, 1981

Rabbi Donald R. Berlin
Temple Oheb Shalom
7310 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21208

Dear Rabbi Berlin;

On behalf of our Executive Committee, we acknowledge with gratitude in honor of Rabbi Lehman, your contribution of \$100 to the World Gathering.

We are highly encouraged by the support and involvement extended by your community and we can assure you that we are committed to making this an event truly significant in Jewish contemporary life.

Again, thank you for joining us in this historic endeavor.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Molly Michels

Molly Michels
Assistant to Executive Director



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May 11, 1981

MEMO

To: All participants in World Gathering
From: Samuel R. Mozes, Executive Director
Subject: Tape cassettes

A number of people approached us and inquired as to what they should include on the cassette tape that they are preparing and will bring with them to Jerusalem. Permit me to suggest that you answer some of the following questions as part of a narrative of your experience.

Your age, place of birth and current residence, your family situation (married, children, widowed, widower etc). What were the circumstances in which you lived prior to the war, describe your town, village, home life, family life, religious background, etc. What were your experiences during the Holocaust, at what point did the war impact upon you. When did you have to move, when did your family split, some of your memories of this period, what happened?

What were your experience in the ghetto, in the camps, in the forests, in hiding, the partisan unit or wherever. Describe, if you can, some of your most important memories and feelings during this critical period.

Describe the moment of liberation and the process by which you reconstructed your life after the Holocaust.

Did you return to your home town? Where did you go? When did you marry? Give birth to children? Etc.

Please describe in general terms your life since the Holocaust including your occupation, your children and grandchildren where applicable, your place of residence, your involvement with the Jewish people and with the State of Israel.

Reflecting back upon both the Holocaust and your experience of survival, what is it that you think it means to you and to all future generation: your fears, your hopes, your anguish and your legacy.

We suggest the above questions merely as a outline, which you are free to follow as you choose, just for some guidance in case you feel constrained by the tape recorder and don't know where to begin.

We hope that you will bequeath this tape to future history. Please regard this merely as a guideline and tell your story in any way your feel comfortable.

Thank you.


Samuel R. Mozes

P.S. Please bring this tape to our Oral History booth at Binyanei Haoma in Jerusalem at any time convenient to you. The booth will be manned at all times.

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Israel 1981

May 4, 1981

TO: ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORLD GATHERING
FROM: SAMUEL R. MOZES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981--DAY OF THE KIBBUTZIM AND LATRUN CEREMONY

Please read this carefully. We need your advice.

Tuesday, June 16 will be our day of visits to the kibbutzim established by Holocaust survivors. As each of the kibbutzim is able to accomodate only a limited number of visitors, we are planning to distribute World Gathering delegates among three or four kibbutzim, including two or three in the center of the country (among them Kibbutz Nezer Sereni) and one (Kibbutz Lohamei Haghettaot) north of Haifa. It is proposed that one of the centrally located kibbutzim be a religious one, so as to be able to offer a kosher meal to those who require it.*

All kibbutz visits, as all other World Gathering events, will be by individual tickets issued to registered persons. But we have a problem of logistics. The kibbutzim have to know how many visitors to expect, and we want to let them know in advance. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you send us back the enclosed completed card as soon as possible.

Please take into account that the centrally located kibbutzim, including the religious one, may be reached within one hour's travel from either Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Departures will be at approximately 2:00 P.M. Later in the day, at approximately 7:30 P.M., we will proceed from the kibbutzim to Latrun for a ceremony and light-and-sound presentation in honor of survivor soldiers who fell in the War of Independence of 1948. The Latrun program will begin about 9:00 P.M. and end about 10:00 P.M.

The kibbutz Lohamei Haghettaot may be reached within about three hours from Jerusalem or two and a half hours from Tel Aviv. Additionally, time will be needed to visit its extensive museum of the Holocaust. Therefore, departures for Lohamei Haghettaot will be at approximately between 9:30 and 10:30 A.M., and visitors will be leaving the kibbutz at approximately 5:00 P.M. (Exact times and places for boarding our buses will be found in our printed program to be distributed in Israel.)

Please send your answer today.

Reminder: Please take to Israel your tape recording of major experiences during the Holocaust and your stone to be deposited at Yad Vashem.

Reminder: Please take to Israel your registration receipt.

* Note: The centrally located kibbutzim are likely to be the following:
Kibbutz Nezer Sereni: near Rehovot
Kibbutz Tel Yitzhak: between Netanya and Hertzlia
Kibbutz Hafetz Haim: religious; east of Ashdod
Kibbutz Givat Haim: established by survivors of Theresienstadt, who are anxious to receive other survivors of Theresienstadt; please inform us if you are in this category; near Netanya

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PLEASE MAIL IMMEDIATELY TO: World Gathering, One Park Avenue, New York 10016

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

KIBBUTZ VISIT REGISTRATION

I request to be registered for a visit to:

_____ Centrally located kibbutz

_____ Religious kibbutz

_____ Kibbutz Lohamei Haghettaot

Please read carefully about times of departure and times of travel
to Latrun.

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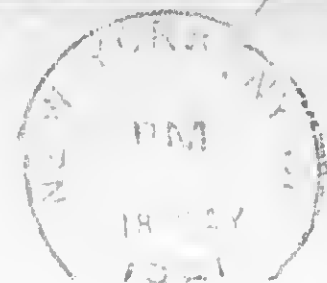
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_____ Kibbutz Lohamei Haghettaot

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World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors
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RABBI ROBERT LEHMAN
HEBREW TABERNACLE CONGREGATION
555 FT WASHINGTON AVE
NEW YORK, NY 10033

Name.....

Address.....

City.....

State..... Zip.....

Telephone.....

WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

ONE PARK AVENUE, SUITE 418

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

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WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS - TEXTS & NOTES
FOR TALKS 1980

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Houston talk:

serious talk - no opening lines of wit - serious topic

note: intro: am not Am born - can't believe (job for) boy? (is rebelling?)
came here due to Mz - tell of myself not to play on yr sympathy
but to explain & fix facts.

My job: re but WWII → banking business; not own bank but bank!

1933 - fired :: financial crisis - gd: be lots of money but also
bad: be false sense of security

'37 - jail = ^{bad:} "cruel" in terms - honorable, decent, integrity

gd: taught him lesson of survival & got out & we did

1938 - Feb: am before K; are we survivors? What right do I have to speak?
I've been to A; Thank God as visitor! but my belief we all survive
only matter of degree, rather than kind. Any Jew - this is a
survivor & necessity, as EV says (of himself) -
"teller of tales" no part of movement.

Danger to forget or to dilute issue part of our time - take word "Holo"
GTS = seminar - did not know!
MY POST = D & D Hotel fire - "Holo" headline; same for Calif fire
not to speak of the earthquake recently.

Strange to see word so prominently be some say Holo did not exist
but in all (NW US) work that H = part of imagination
but even worse: numbers game ...

HV prof: others are "jealous" that Holo reserved for us -
no Bangladesh Armenians etc? Cambodia, Dresden, Hiroshima

So, if anything at all, returning to whether we are or are not survivors
perhaps to diff degrees but our oblg to recall - not to
permit them to forget, is UNIVERSAL

Fachbach: not to permit Hitler a posthumous victory!
This our own gen, yr & mine, unfinished business! # # #

Like hell it would -- re the safety, survival, strategy to
exist - let them be as "belligerent" as they like.
I want that state to live - I love it, need it, believe in it.

H & I are linked & that's why I'm here

1981 an agenda, a purpose - 36 yrs after WWII = double 'D'
the World Gathering of JH survivors in Jerus - June 15 to 18 ~~in Jer~~

purpose: 1) people get older: lost chance ^{for survivors} to meet again; see it as 1x gathering

2) set up network of commun. & scholarship; tapes

3) 2nd & even 3rd generation

4) speak of our state in 22

5) affirm that H existed

6) bring us together:

א' & ב' חיים & ט'

agenda: great international dangerous: EW & S & Weil & partners

of D. Begin & all will be present & will speak

They will be heard, we & world will listen.

generally: option

1) had to pay our respects, a moral oblig

2) trip to Kib related to survivors

3) 2nd & 3rd gen

4) affirm their journey to Israel

urge you: join us; be part of great event. Link yourself

time for planned touring but 1st - join us.

The world waits for us to make a statement; I must be
in Israel - 28

June 15-18, 1981

After 36 yrs (2x chal), a dream come true

purpose on sev levels

- a- H existed
- b- our ~~State~~ ^{of} Israel
- c- get older, so perhaps last meeting
- d- 2nd & 3rd generation
- e- being together
- f- network of communication & scholarship

Poland 1st, with coop of that gvt

4 day program; grt attendance; emphasis on pistive!

1- Yad VaShem

2- trip to kibutzim

3- 2nd & 3rd generation

4- pilgrimage through Jerus to Kotel

participation, make reservations, diff options open

what to do here? spread word

gather info

make tapes

Katherine Engel house
Nat'l C of J Women
241 W 72 St
Sept 23, 1980

WORLD GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

sent
9/23/80

June 15 to 18, 1981

To mark the 36th anniversary of Liberation from the Camps there will be a World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem, June 15 to 18, 1981. It is expected that several thousand survivors and their families will attend; the co-sponsors, with the enthusiastic endorsement of the Prime Minister, are Simone Veil and Elie Wiesel. The four day program, (a commemoration at Yad VaShem, visit to Kibbutzim of survivor communities, a pilgrimage to and an affirmation at the Kotel, and a day dedicated to the second and third generation of survivors), will be "upbeat", on a very positive note to indicate that we have prevailed as well as hope for the future for ourselves and Israel.

The Executive Committee, of which I am a member, has asked me to communicate with the membership of the CCAR that word of the World Gathering be spread to our communities and that we expend every effort to have our congregants attend. Due to the old age of the survivors, this may well be a once-in-a-lifetime event. Plans for attendance and participation are now being formulated and application forms are available from World Gathering offices at 1 Park Avenue, N.Y.C. The lay people who are handling the World Gathering concept are Ernest Michel and Samuel Mozes, Executive Director and they are using the offices of the World Jewish Congress. As the CCAR representative to the World Gathering you can write to me care of their address or to my Temple, 551 Ft. Washington Avenue, N.Y.C. 10033.

One additional factor: the dates for the World Gathering come close to the meeting of our own CCAR convention, starting June 23, 1981. It is our hope, therefore, that many of our men attend the World Gathering in Jerusalem prior to our own meeting. Further, your participation on some

level either as rabbis or teachers or counselors is possible if you would be good enough to communicate your ideas to me.

If you would like specific information or application forms or general literature in regard to the World Gathering, or desire a speaker in your community, please contact me at your **earliest** opportunity. This is a world-wide project we should support to the very best of our abilities.

Bob Lehman

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- An event of major historical significance
- A pilgrimage of remembrance
- A manifestation of perseverance, tenacity, survival and commitment
- An expression of our solidarity and concern for Israel

World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

וועלט צוזאמענפאר:
פון חורבן צו אויפקום

Israel 1981 June 15-18

מפגש עולמי:
משואה לתקומה

Sponsored by survivors associations throughout the world and leading Israeli, Jewish national and international agencies.

Gathering in observance of the 36th (Twice CHAI) anniversary of the Liberation, survivors will produce a "צואה — Testament" to future generations of the historical impact, the legacy and the uniqueness of the Holocaust — a collective statement of solidarity, determination and purpose and a reaffirmation of the continuity and survival of the Jewish People. The Holocaust must never be forgotten! It must never happen again!

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- Construction of a permanent memorial made from rocks brought to Israel by every participant survivor.
- A large scale assembly and opening ceremony at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.
- Public assemblies in the kibbutzim founded by Holocaust survivors: Netzer Sereni, Lochamel Hagetaot, Yad Mordechai and Tel Yitzhak.
- Every survivor is invited to bring along a recording of his or her experiences on a tape cassette, or written memoir for the permanent Archives at Yad Vashem, as well as personal Holocaust memorabilia for preservation.
- A mass Memorial March through the streets of Jerusalem to the Western Wall.
- A concluding Mass Rally where the "Testament" will be signed by all survivors and presented to the Second Generation.
- Special programs for the second and third generations. Children and grandchildren of survivors are strongly encouraged to participate.
- Optional guided tours throughout Israel.

You owe it to yourself, your family, and to the memory of our Martyrs, to participate in this unique, once-in-your-lifetime historic act of remembrance. We must make preparations and we need your commitment now!

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY! ACT NOW!

Please fill out this form and mail it today to secure your reservation and accommodations:

World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors
One Park Avenue, Suite 418/New York, N.Y. 10016

Name _____ No. of persons _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- ☐ I/We wish to participate in the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, June 1981. I/We enclose advance payment of \$100 per person. Please send me/us more detailed information.
- ☐ I/We will be unable to attend personally but I/We enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to help defray the costs of the project.

Make checks payable to: World Jewish Congress, American Section
(Survivor's Gathering)

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Mr/ President, Colleagues:

I have been asked to speak to you on a subject which is of extreme importance and which affects us all.

Mr. Ernest Michel, of UJA, using the offices of ^{World} ~~American~~ Jewish Committee at 1 Park Ave. in N.Y.C. has issued a call for a World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors to ^{mark the 36th anniversary of liberation} ~~meet in Israel next year~~. This "World Gathering" is precisely what the name implies: holocaust survivors from all over the world ^{in 1981} will hopefully gather in Jerusalem to make their presence felt and their voices heard. The assemblage will meet for four days: with special programs suited ^{to the needs of} ~~just for~~ this group and also with programs relating to the second generation. People will be asked to give testimony to the past which will be recorded and transcribed and become a permanent part of Yad Vashem or similar organizations. As a matter of fact, the survivors are encouraged to bring their children and even grandchildren to Jerusalem ~~next year~~ so that as the present generation passes from the scene we will be assured that a second generation, and then a third, carries on the commitment to memory.

My specific reason for bringing all of this to your attention is two-fold:

1- the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors will meet in Jerusalem, June 15 - 18, 1981 and, as these dates indicate, there will be but a five day hiatus between that gathering and our ^{now} convention which will meet in the same city starting June 23rd. It occurred to us that many of you, whether personally survivors or just interested individuals, might want to be a part of this gathering, if only on the level of observer. Thus, instead of coming to Israel for the 23rd you would come a week earlier, for June 15th.

2- the second reason for this information concerns the survivors in your congregations. ^{for they} ~~who~~ might want to attend ^{place,} of this World Gathering ^{counts} ~~and~~ they should certainly be informed of the dates, plans and tentative programs. I can help you in this matter on two ~~specific levels~~: first, ~~that~~ I was

invited by Joe to serve as the CCAR representative to the World Gathering Executive and, secondly, I was appointed by the Executive to their planning board. In short, I can serve as your liaison to this organization and I can help ~~you~~ disseminate information and concerns either to you or to your congregants directly.

If I can be of help to you, please write or call. I'm at the Hebrew Tabernacle in N.Y.C., am listed in the CCAR directory and if you wish to speak to me personally during the course of this convention, I'm at this hotel, room .

Thank you very much.

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 23-26
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- ① Yab
- ② Kip
- ③ 2nd gen
- ④ March

cope with traumatic event for them
on personal, social, intellectual, and levels
4) perhaps you have idea how it can be
effective - let me know

5) Tent program: Yod = 4 broad categories:
Kibb
2nd / 3rd gen
walk to wall
myth or future, survival; they prevailed

This only an outline; ask now if you
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you plan to attend
pamphlets avail - take one
feel free to contact me at home (my)
or here - run us is 807

In sum:
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support, coop, attend! TCC presentation
Tribute 1980

Facts re W G J Hol &

meet June 15-18, 1981

see rel to our own CCAR, 5/23-28

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double 'A' in penny away - not
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Am J Corp: Ernest Riedel (WPA) & Samuel
Moses: Exec Director

my link: CCAR rep & an Exec that I will

pt: ^{liaison} make ourselves, our corp aware of this
gathering - agree if shown in our corp.

There the fact - but really for more:

1) we of CCAR, we re, should not simply
let this type of event happen without
our close personal concern!

2) we should be present! More than attend.
So do terms few days earlier than our
own com

3) to help people - from all the world -

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■ New Moscow synagogue, with integrated prayer ■ New vista for evangelists ■ New name for the JWB.

Integrated Prayer

For the first time in more than 50 years, there is a Jewish congregation in the Soviet Union where men and women can sit together during prayer. The announcement came this week from London, where the congregation was formally welcomed into the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Under the Progressive umbrella, the association represents Reform, Liberal and Reconstructionist Jewish congregations around the world. Historians say that there was a Progressive congregation in Riga, Latvia, before World War II but that since then the handful of officially sanctioned synagogues in the Soviet Union have been Orthodox.

Orthodox Judaism adheres to ancient traditions. At Moscow's Choral Synagogue, where the chief rabbi presides, women are seated in the balcony. The Lubavitch Hasidic sect, which has opened 36 institutions throughout the Soviet Union, most of them in the last year, also separates men and women during prayer.

The new synagogue, Congregation Hineni, which has been open for only a few months, meets in a private apartment in Moscow, but hopes to acquire a building in the near future. It is awaiting final approval from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and has already hired a rabbi, Robert Feinberg of Norfolk, Va., who will assume the post this summer.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, said that despite the current exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel, the Soviet Union is still expected to have the world's third largest Jewish population, after the United States and Israel. "We believe that the Orthodox will only attract a very small percentage and that we offer a viable alternative," he said of those who will remain.

Evangelists' New Focus

The developing tolerance toward religion in the Soviet Union and East-

ern Europe has also provided a new opportunity for television evangelists in the United States. They are appealing for more financial support from Americans so they can beam their programs into that region, according to a survey by a communications professor at Grand View College in Des Moines.

Since 1980, Prof. Stephen Winzenburg has been monitoring such broadcasts in the United States and issuing annual reports on them. Before the changes in Eastern Europe, he said, the major topic on the shows was stopping the scourge of drugs; before that, the evangelists spent the bulk of their time distancing themselves from the scandals at Jim Bakker's PTL ministry. The survey followed 17 television ministries over a four-month period.

Despite the change of focus, the survey found that the preachers had consistently spent an average of 25 percent of their air time on fund-raising and promotions. "Many skeptics thought televised religion would be forced to resort to full-time fund raising after the PTL scandal," said Mr. Winzenburg. "It's true that some ministries had serious financial troubles in 1987 and 1988, but now most have stabilized and returned to normal fund-raising appeals."

Mr. Winzenburg maintains that the lines between the fund-raising activities of the television evangelists and their spiritual, political and promotional pitches are sometimes thin. For example, they will invoke the will of Jesus to raise money for their drug programs. Several television evangelists belittle the accuracy of his survey, and Mr. Winzenburg concedes that his methods are "subjective" but argues that they are still academically valid.

His latest survey reported that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had reduced fund-raising and promotional appeals to 37 percent from 52 percent in 1987, but that the Rev. Oral Roberts and the Rev. Pat Robertson had sharply increased the times spent on these ap-

peals. In the same three-year period, Mr. Roberts increased the time on appeals to 53 percent from 22 percent, and Mr. Robertson increased the time to 44 percent, from 22 percent.

New Image and Name

The JWB, one of the nation's senior Jewish organizations, voted this week to change its name to the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America. Formed in 1917 as the Jewish Welfare Board to serve Jewish members of the Armed Forces in World War I, the organization later took on the larger mandate of coordinating the activities of Y.M.H.A.'s, Y.W.H.A.'s and Jewish Community Centers around the nation.

The name change was agreed upon after years of debate, polling and study. A consensus evolved that the new name would better reflect the organization's activities. The name JWB will be retained, however, in the organization's continuing work with men and women in the Armed Forces.

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Elizabeth Waters Wed to K. J. Kells

At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York, Elizabeth Anne Waters was married yesterday to Kevin John Kells by Msgr. Thomas J. Hartman. Mrs. Kells is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Waters of Port Washington, L.I. Her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kells of Miami.

The bride, 27 years old, is a clinical social worker at United Cerebral Palsy of Brooklyn. She graduated from Fairfield University and the Fordham University school of social work.

The bridegroom, 26, is a graduate of Georgetown University. He is a management and technology consultant at Leveraged Technology in New York.

Reed Huppman Weds Miss Wolfe

Susan Terrell Wolfe, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Wolfe of New Orleans, was married there yesterday at the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church to Louis Reed Huppman Jr., a son of Mrs. Kenneth B. Marty of Ruxton, Md., and the late Mr. Huppman. The Rev. Dr. James Leighton Carter performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Huppman, 28 years old, is a freelance radio producer in Baltimore.

The bridegroom, 38, is known as Reed. He is the managing director of Biohabitats, an environmental consulting and ecological-restoration company in Towson, Md.

Celebrations For Lennon Start Tonight

By ALLAN KOZINN

Celebrations of what would have been John Lennon's 50th birthday, on Oct. 9, and commemorations of the 10th anniversary of his murder, on Dec. 8, are being planned by Yoko Ono, Lennon's widow, and Cynthia Lennon, the musician's first wife. Their separate endeavors have reportedly strained relations between the two Mrs. Lennons, who have been on cordial terms in recent years, although both insist that stories of bitterness are exaggerated.

The most immediate of the planned events is one of Ms. Ono's projects, an all-star charity concert tonight at Pier Head on the banks of the Mersey River in Liverpool, England, Lennon's home town. The concert, a benefit for what Ms. Ono is calling the Greening of the World John Lennon Scholarship Fund, will include performances of Lennon's songs by musicians who represent a broad range of styles.

Among those on the bill are the blues guitarist B. B. King, the jazz keyboardist Herbie Hancock, the vocalists Natalie Cole and Roberta Flack, the soul singer Al Green and the country music singer Randy Travis. The rock artists who are to perform include Lou Reed, Hall and Oates, Joe Cocker, Level 42, Cyndi Lauper, Terence Trent D'Arby and Wet Wet Wet. The guitarist Dave Edmunds is the event's music director, and the actor Christopher Reeve is to be the host.

The Lennon Legacy

"What we wanted to do was to present a concert of John's music played by musicians who felt that their work was directly influenced by John," Ms. Ono said in an interview in the Dakota, where she lives. "I thought it was important to include some young performers so that it wasn't just John's old friends."

Two of Lennon's oldest friends, however, are sending videotapes to be shown at the concert, which is to consist entirely of new interpretations of Lennon's music. Paul McCartney is contributing "P. S. Love Me Do," a medley of "P. S. I Love You" and "Love Me Do," the Beatles' debut single. And Ringo Starr is sending a new version of "I Call Your Name." The third surviving former Beatle, George Harrison, has so far demurred.

A Television Project

Ms. Ono is also preparing a television program that will include performances from the Liverpool concert as well as video clips from other musicians.

"My original idea, before the concert came about," she said, "was to ask John's friends and other promi-



Reuters



The New York Times

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nent musicians to each make a video of one of John's songs and to send it to me." The McCartney and Starr clips will be used in the program, Ms. Ono said, and clips by Eric Clapton, Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Tina Turner, Ray Charles and Tears for Fears have been promised. Lennon's son Sean, who is now 14, has recorded "I Am the Walrus" for the program. No date has been set.

The proceeds from the concert and the television program will go to a new scholarship fund, which is being administered by the British branch of the Lennon estate's charitable Spirit Foundation.

Tentative Projects

Cynthia Lennon, who lives in England, has thrown her support behind a series of projects being undertaken

projects as television programs, record or video releases.

Her objection to the ventures, said, has to do with Mr. Muckerheide and Mr. Bernstein, both of whom have made what she considers realistic public bids to reunite the Beatles over the years. The also-nounced Lennon concert that never took place because they had not met the necessary commitments.

"People want to portray this fight between two women," Ms. Ono said, "but my objections have nothing to do with Cynthia Lennon. It's that John, in his will, appointed me to represent him and to protect his name and likeness and his copyright and his work. I am in a responsible position, and I have to make sure his name is not misused. In this case, the organizers say that they are going to give the money to charity. But they have not told us what the charity is and how the money will be spent. And the estate cannot give its blessing to a venture when we don't know what's happening."

Other Tributes

Mr. Samuels, speaking for Cynthia Lennon, said: "We don't regard Yoko as doing other than what she feels is right from her point of view as John's widow. Our view is that Cynthia is keen to make her own tributes, and that so long as the concepts are separate and individual, the more tributes the merrier."

Also in the works as part of the Lennon tributes is a BBC radio overview of Lennon's life and music, to be broadcast in Britain between Oct. 9 and Dec. 8. The series is likely to be picked up for American broadcast by Westwood One, which has been broadcasting its "Lost Lennon Tapes" series since 1988 and which is syndicating "The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes," another BBC series, on Memorial Day weekend. In addition, EMI Records is preparing two collections of recordings from Lennon's post-Beatle years. One is a four-disc compilation of hits, the other a set of previously unissued work tapes, studio jams and alternate takes.

A 50th-birthday concert will benefit a charity.

by Perry Muckerheide, a Milwaukee-based concert promoter, and Sid Bernstein, the promoter who presented the Beatles' New York concerts in the 1960's. The team plans a string of Lennon tributes around the world, leading to a concert at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on Oct. 9. But her plans are tenuous. Her lawyer, Roger Samuels, said in an interview from his office in London that the team did not yet have commitments from any performers.

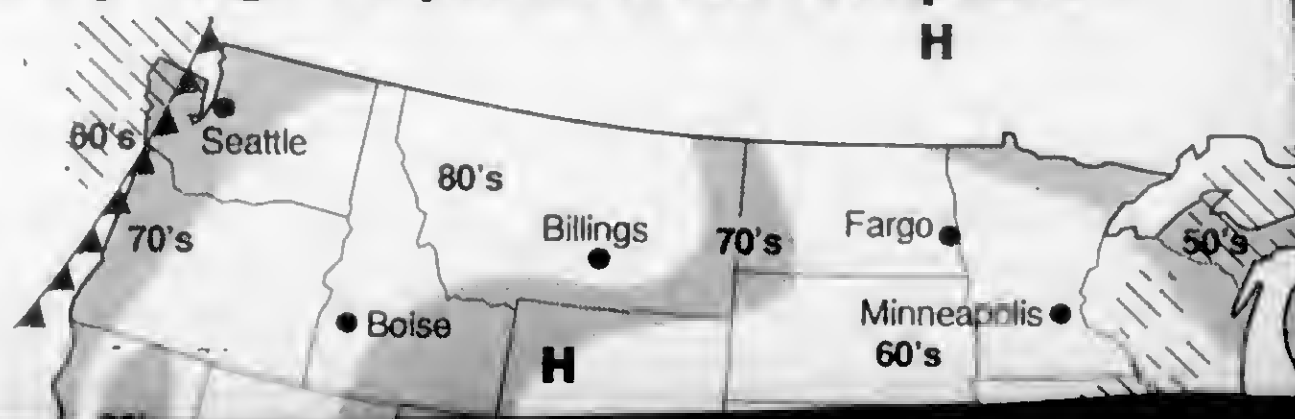
The team also has not obtained the Lennon estate's blessing, which in practical terms means copyright releases. Although Ms. Ono cannot keep them from presenting a concert — and she said she has no objection to their doing so — she can, as the holder of Lennon's copyrights, withhold permission for the use of the musician's songs in such subsidiary

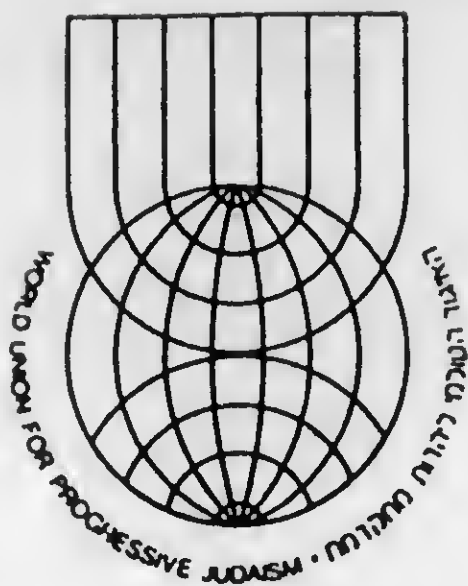
Weather

Metropolitan Forecast

A soaking rain is expected to continue this morning across the metropolitan area in advance of low pressure. A thunderstorm is possible late this afternoon and early tonight, then a cold front will move offshore, bringing the steady precipitation to an end. Low clouds, fog and drizzle will prevail through tonight, but a couple hours of sun are possible

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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am proud to be associated with the Conference of the
World Union for Progressive Judaism and welcome this year's
Conference to Britain.

The Jewish community is in itself an example to us all in
Britain of how to participate successfully as active citizens in
the mainstream of life without forfeiting one's own cultural and
religious identity. I am therefore especially glad that the
Conference is taking place for the first time in many years in
this country where we have a firm commitment to equality of
opportunity for all our citizens and to the eradication of the
evil which springs from all forms of racial discrimination.

I wish the Conference of the World Union for Progressive
Judaism every success.

Nguzant Shalchen

FEBRUARY 1990

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

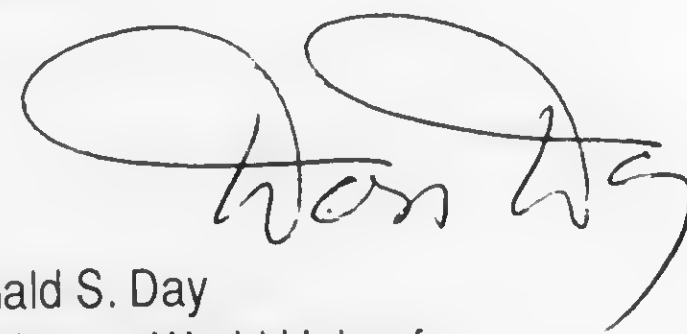
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

In 1926, at the first International Conference, my revered predecessor, Rabbi Leo Baeck, used the phrase "Let us begin to create the future." For more than sixty years, the World Union has been doing just that.

We have been creating a Jewish future around the globe. We have created Progressive communities in almost every country in which Jews are found, especially in Israel. We have created a stronger presence for the important humanitarian values and principles we Progressive Jews hold so dear.

This week we join together for deliberation, study, and prayer. May our energies be renewed through our fellowship and may we leave this conference ever more strongly committed to the Jewish ideals of love and peace which bind us together.

Bivricha,



Donald S. Day
President - World Union for
Progressive Judaism

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Dear Delegates, dear Friends

It is a privilege and immense pleasure indeed for me to extend my warmest greetings to you and to welcome you to the

25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

On this occasion we will most certainly spend an exciting week of learning, thinking and congregating - an occasion for meeting old friends and making new ones.

The European Board joins me in wishing this conference great success, becoming instrumental to the progress and development of our movement which is based on the commitment and involvement of ever more Liberal and Reform Jews in Israel and abroad.

B'virchat Shalom,



Haim Golan, President
European Board of the World Union
for Progressive Judaism

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

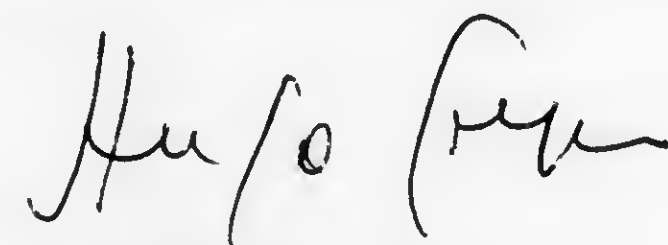
The European Board of the World Union is delighted to welcome you to this International Conference held in London, which was the birthplace of our international movement.

Since 1926 - when the Hon. Lily Montague, Rabbi Israel Mattuck and Claude Montefiore, all of them of blessed memory, pioneered the World Union with a small handful of their French, German and American friends - our movement has grown and reinforced their vision of Judaism that is dedicated to building the Kingdom of God in the modern world. It is our hope that this Conference will not only renew that vision but it will be coupled with the forging of new friendships and a true sharing of hopes and aspirations. Our Congregations in the London area and our homes are open and welcoming to you. We hope that your days in our midst will be stimulating and that you will return to your Community and your home with happy and lasting memories.

I hope that you will participate in all the programmes and activities which have been carefully and indeed lovingly prepared by our Programme Committee and truly celebrate our spiritual heritage.

This closing decade of our troubled century is suddenly filled with many new opportunities as well as anxieties. Nothing could be more urgent than for us to forge a common vision of our destiny and I hope that this Conference will go a considerable way to bring this about.

B'ruchim habaim - may we be truly blessed in our coming and take a measure of blessing with us when we return to the tasks ahead of us.



Hugo Gryn
Chairman - European Board



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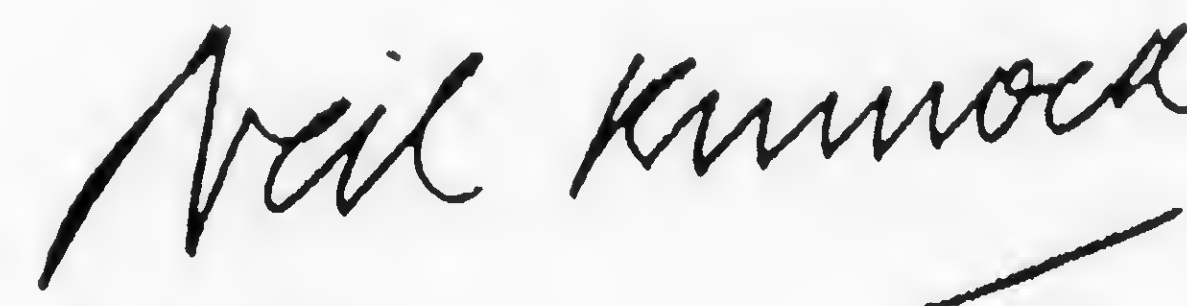
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MESSAGE FROM RT HON NEIL KINNOCK MP

Please accept my best wishes on the occasion of the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The last twelve months have seen welcome and rapid change in Europe. But in our own continent and throughout the world much still remains to be done to secure human rights, to protect democracy and to extend freedom.

I welcome the contribution that you have already made to the attainment of those ends and I wish you all the very best in all your efforts this week and in the weeks to come to build a better future for our children, everywhere.



NEIL KINNOCK MP

Rt. Hon. Paddy Ashdown M.P.



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Dear Ms Silver

Thank you very much for your recent letter concerning the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

I am very pleased to be able to send a short goodwill message. Conferences such as these play a vital role in opening up our thoughts and widening horizons. I wish you well for a successful few days.

Yours sincerely,

Paddy Ashdown MP

THE RT HON DR DAVID OWEN MP



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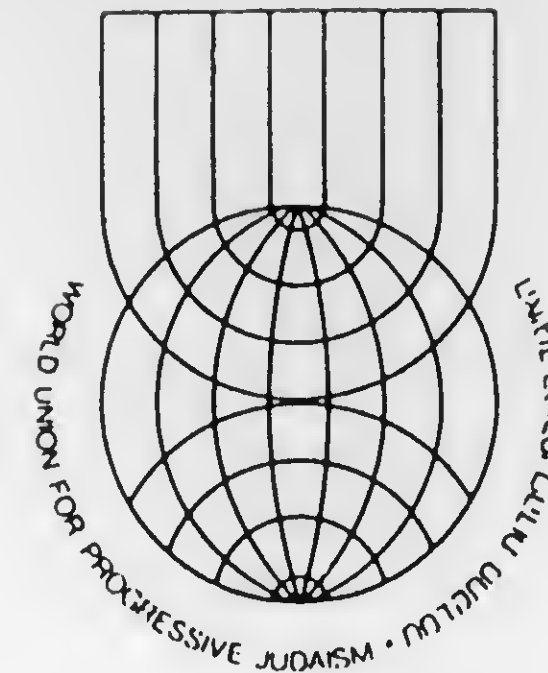
Thank you for inviting me to send a message on the occasion of the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The 25th anniversary of any event that combines free debate with a rich cultural and religious tradition is worth celebrating. The firm belief of Reform and Liberal Judaism in social justice and individual responsibility makes the longevity of its Conference particularly welcome".

May I send you my best wishes for a successful Conference.

Yours sincerely

DAVID OWEN



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PROGRAMME

PRE CONFERENCE

MONDAY APRIL 30 1990

- AM Registration at West London Synagogue
- PM Registration at West London Synagogue and at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism
- RABBINIC KALLAH - Leo Baeck College, (The Sternberg Centre)
2. 00 Welcome and Introduction : *Maurice Michaels* - U. K.
2. 05 **SESSION I - Beyond The Text**
Chair : *Rabbi Dr Jonathan Magonet* - U. K.
Speaker : *Rabbi Dr Lawrence A Hoffman* - U. S. A.
3. 35 - tea -
4. 05 / **SESSION II - The State of Israel and Jewish - Christian Relations : The Current Situation**
5. 35 Chair : *Rabbi Simon Franses* - U. K.
Speakers : *Professor Alice Eckardt* - U. S. A.
Professor Dr A Roy Eckardt - U. S. A.
5. 35 - supper -
7. 05 / **SESSION III - Sharing our Concerns** : an opportunity for colleagues to discuss issues
9. 00 arising from their daily work with which they feel personally engaged.
Chair : *Rabbi Dr Charles H Middleburgh* - U. K.

TUESDAY MAY 1st 1990
West London Synagogue

7. 30 Resolutions Meeting at Cumberland Hotel - Austen Restaurant
- AM / PM Registration
8. 30 / Business Meeting of Governing Body of World Union (Council Room)
1. 15 - working lunch will be available in the Youth Centre -
1. 30 / Meeting of the European Board of The World Union (Council Room)
3. 00 Meeting of the Australia - New Zealand Union for Progressive Judaism (Committee Room 1)
4. 30 / Meeting of the Southern African Union for Progressive Judaism (Committee Room 2)
6. 00 Young Adults Reception in Council Room
6. 00 /
7. 30

CONFERENCE SESSION I

TUESDAY MAY 1st 1990
West London Synagogue

8. 00 pm **CONFERENCE OPENING SESSION**
Introduction and Opening Prayer : *Rabbi Dr Hugo Gryn* - U. K.
Chair, European Board, Senior Rabbi West London Synagogue.
Rabbi Gryn will chair the evening's proceedings.
8. 10 **Presidential Welcome** : *Donald Day*, President, World Union for Progressive Judaism
3 directions for future: 1. What is mission? 2. Ref. for next cent? 3. Redesign mission of WU
8. 25 **Messages of Welcome** *to rededicate WU*
Dr Lionel Kopelowitz J.P., President Board of Deputies of British Jews
Mr Yoav Biran, H E The Israel Ambassador to the Court of St James
Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford
8. 50 **Musical Greeting** : the combined choirs of the Akiva School and the Alyth Youth Singers under the direction of *Vivienne Bellos* - U. K.
9. 10 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**: *Rabbi Richard Hirsch*, Executive Director, World Union for Progressive Judaism, Jerusalem
10. 00 Musical Coda
10. 15 Close of Session

CONFERENCE SESSION II

WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd 1990
Sternberg Centre for Judaism

8. 00 Coach leaves Cumberland Hotel for Shaharit.
8. 30 Coaches leave Cumberland Hotel for main sessions.
8. 45 Shaharit - Leo Baeck College Room of Prayer
Rabbi Amanda Golby - U. K.
- 9.00 - 5.00 Registration & Conference Office at West London Synagogue
9. 30 **EASTERN EUROPE : CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY**
Two eminent speakers review the dramatic changes in Eastern Europe, particularly in the Soviet Union, and examine the implications for Jewish communities there.
Chair : *Peter Levy* - U. K. Chairman of Shaftesbury plc
Speakers : *Professor Antony Polonsky* - U. K.
Professor of International History, London School of Economics
Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp - Holland
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente, The Hague.

Questions and discussion followed by a brief concluding report on the World Union mission to the Soviet Union, just completed.

11.00

- coffee will be available in each workshop -

11.15

Workshops on Eastern Europe

There are seven parallel workshops. Four deal with the Soviet Union and three with other Eastern European Countries. It is intended that the focus will be on the practical assistance that we can render in the development of Progressive Jewish institutions in Eastern Europe. Workshop leaders will meet afterwards to formulate a resolution for Friday afternoon.

Workshop I: Soviet Union - The World Union's Response to the Absorption of Soviet Jews

Presenter: *Rabbi Joel Oseran* - Israel

Facilitator: *Estelle Gilston* - U. K.

Rapporteur: *Linda Kann* - U. K.

Workshop II: Soviet Union - Institutions, Infrastructure, Individuals

Presenter: *Rabbi Bob Shafritz* - U. K.

Rapporteur: *Margaret Sassienie* - U. K.

Workshop III: Soviet Union - The World Union's response to the need for Progressive Judaism within the Soviet Union

Presenter: *Rabbi Robert Feinberg* - U.S.A.

Facilitator: *Allan Myers* - U. K.

Rapporteur: *Ray Kann* - U. K.

Workshop IV: Soviet Union - Anti-semitism, Refuseniks - the campaign as it is today

Presenters: *Margaret Rigal* - U. K.

Lilya Payne - U. K.

Facilitator: *Miriam Shire* - U. K.

Rapporteur: *Alan Langleben* - U. K.

Workshop V: Poland

Chair: *Dr Paul M Steinberg* - U.S.A.

Presenter: *Dr Stanislaw Krajewski* - Poland

Lecturer in Mathematics, University of Warsaw

Workshop VI: Czechoslovakia

Chair: *Rabbi Richard Lampert* - Australia

Presenter: *Michael Heppner* - U. K.

Workshop VII: Hungary

Chair: *Eva Szita* - Hungary

Presenter: *Rabbi Jonathan Black* - U. K.

Hertsmere Progressive Synagogue

12.30

- Buffet Lunch -

Grace: *Rabbi David Gelfand* - U.S.A.

During lunch, participants will be introduced by *Betty Golomb* - USA - to *Rodnik*, the World Union's Russian language newspaper.

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WESTERN EUROPE FIFTY YEARS ON

In 1940, the Nazi occupation of Western Europe was set in motion. The Jewish Communities of these countries stood on the brink of total destruction. Fifty years later, the remnant of the Shoah has rebuilt Jewish life in some places at least. That any Jewish life at all survives is a miracle; it is however deeply scarred and irrevocably altered by the experience of the past. Not only is this true of European Jewry but it may indeed be a metaphor for all Jewish life. The two principal speakers have lived and worked in France and Germany respectively.

Chair: *Haim Golan*, President, European Board of the World Union

Speakers: *Samuel Pissar* - France. International lawyer and author "Of Blood and Hope"

Professor Dr N Peter Levinson - West Germany. Until recently Landesrabbiner of Baden, West Germany

3.00

Europe in Depth - Delegates will be invited to choose between one of two parallel presentations

Dutch Jewry (in English) - Past Present, Future

Welcome and Introduction: *Marcus Bower*, Chair RSGB.

- Dutch Jewish Community before the Shoah a paradigm of Jewish - Christian Co-existence

Presenter: *Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp*

- The destruction of the Dutch Jewish Community and the miracle of Rebirth:

A Personal Account.

Presenter: *Frieda Menco*

- Reconstruction, Resurrection making miracles happen "Working through" the Shoah.

Presenter: *Rabbi Sonny Herman*

Our Children Speaking: Towards the year 2000 - Audio Visual presentation.

Francophone Jewry: Initial presentations will be in French with English texts provided.

The discussions will be conducted bilingually.

Welcome and Introduction: *Harold Sanderson*, Chair ULPS. Members of the French speaking communities describe the distinctive features of Progressive Jewish life in France, Switzerland and Belgium. In three short presentations they examine the needs of the Francophone component in a predominantly English speaking World Union.

- The History and Background of Francophone Jewish Europe

Presenter: *Rabbi Albert Dahan* - Belgium

- The situation on the ground in France today

Presenter: *Rabbi Daniel Farhi* - France

- The limits and future of Progressive Judaism in French speaking countries

Presenter: *Rabbi Francois Garai* - Switzerland

Discussions will be opened by *Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz* - France

4.15

Departure of coaches for hotels.

5.30 /

Arzenu Board Meeting - Cumberland Hotel - supper meeting in Austen Restaurant

7.30

Young Adults Reception at West London Synagogue - Council Room

6.00 /

Pissar - "This barbaric century"

7.30

Richman's vision exceeded Dante's Hell

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CONFERENCE SESSION IV

WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd 1990
West London Synagogue

- 8.00 **Ourselves and the World - Religious Responses to Contemporary Social Issues**
Our two eminent speakers identify the key issues of social justice which confront European society and the world and examine the resources and responses of their respective religious traditions. After the initial presentations, there will be questions from the floor.
Chair: Sir Sigmund Sternberg - U. K. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the ICCJ
Speakers: The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Robert A K Runcie
Rabbi Julia Neuberger - U. K.

CONFERENCE SESSION V

THURSDAY MAY 3rd 1990
Sternberg Centre for Judaism

- 8.00 Coach leaves Cumberland Hotel for Shaharit.
8.30 Coaches leave Cumberland Hotel for main sessions
8.45 Shaharit- Leo Baeck College Room of Prayer
Rabbi Daniel K Gottlieb - Canada

9.30 THE DIASPORA IN THE 21st CENTURY - OUR FUTURE

Three of Progressive Judaism's leading rabbis gaze into the future and speculate on the problems and challenges likely to face us in the new century. Each speaks of different societies - Brazil, Canada and Britain - exemplifying the worldwide nature of Progressive Judaism.

Chair: Professor J B Segal - U. K.
Speakers: Rabbi Lionel Blue - U. K.

Rabbi Roberto Graetz - Brazil
Rabbi Dow Marmur - Canada

This Session marks the launch of the Leo Baeck College European recruitment programme.

11.00

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This Session marks the launch of the Leo Baeck College European recruitment programme. *we need at least as we can recognize it as a tough outer shell of just but jelly-sub inside: as we really believe? Just burned into us by Shoah & no real chance to cross over but how deep within? our existence would be purpose - even die with X & Jerusalem. There are 5*
The Diaspora - Moving Beyond Survival

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A series of practical workshops which indicate both the challenges and responses the future will require. Each workshop is co-led by specialists who are making innovative contributions in their field. *People out our own spiritual issues: do betw of people and their sources are not known nor read. If we do here & now, how find (see him there & then? Also, Rel & experience*
Workshop I: Education - the Synagogue as an organic whole.

Education is a lifelong experience and all age groups within the synagogue are mutually dependent. This workshop will look at ways in which our educational agencies can work in partnership with the synagogue as a whole, determining needs, facilitating the identification of goals and establishing programmes to meet needs and realise goals.

Chair: Dr Robert L Hess - U. S. A.
Presenters: Lali Ray / Michael Shire - U. K.

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Workshop II: Mixed Faith Relationships - When Jew and non-Jew Fall in Love.
We cannot welcome the marriage of a Jew to a non-Jew, because so often such marriages result in a loss to the Jewish community. However, these relationships are an inevitable and familiar consequence of Jewish life in an open society. What programmes must we establish in order to minimise the negative impact of this phenomenon on Jewish life? How can we continue to support the Jew and what should our attitude to the non-Jew be?
Chair: Jeffrey Rose - U. K.
Presenters: Lydia Kukoff - U. S. A.
Rabbi Jonathan Romain - U. K.

Workshop III: Students and Young Adults

There is a widespread perception that the years 18 - 30 are crucial in determining a person's future relationship to Judaism. What programmes are offered and what strategies should be adopted for this particular age group?

Chair: Ruth Daniel - U. S. A.
Presenters: Rabbi Allan Smith - U. S. A.
Rabbi Brian Fox - Australia

Workshop IV: Progressive Judaism and Observance

One of the hallmarks of Progressive Judaism is personal choice. This is both a strength and a weakness, giving responsibility to Jews but, at the same time, giving the impression of indecision. Are there departures from traditional practice and observance which either in the life of the synagogue or the individual are unacceptable to us? Are there observances that we now embrace, not because of their intrinsic value, but out of fear of criticism by Orthodoxy. Does Progressive Judaism have limits in the sphere of ritual and observance?

Chair: Leslie Bergman - South Africa
Presenters: Rabbi Dr Lawrence A Hoffman - U.S.A.
Rabbi Rodney Mariner - U.K.

Workshop V: Anti-semitism and anti-Zionism - Analysis and Response

How real are the threats to Jewish security in the Diaspora? How should we be protecting ourselves? What attitude and practical steps should we be adopting for the future?

Chair: Frieda Menco - Holland
Presenters: Eric Moonman - U. K.
Rabbi Henry Sobel - Brazil

Workshop VI: Aliyah - a choice for Progressive Jewish living?

How real is our commitment to aliyah? What should each community be doing to encourage settlement in Israel? What steps and programmes should we be advocating short of aliyah to encourage support and commitment for Israel? Does the latter weaken our commitment to the former?

Chair: Sol Levites - U. S. A.
Presenters: Rabbi Joel Oseran - Israel
Rabbi Ady Assabi - S. Africa

Workshop VII : On the Fringe - Reaching Those Whom The Synagogue Does Not Reach

There are many who are not attracted to what the conventional synagogue has to offer. How do we reach this vulnerable and often disaffected fringe? Are there non-synagogal structures which our national organisations ought to be exploring and encouraging as alternatives to the conventional pattern?

Chair : *Marvin Sossin* - Costa Rica
Presenters: *Rabbi Barbara Borts* - U. K.
Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz - France

Workshop VIII : The Jew and the State

To what extent is it advisable for Jews to involve themselves collectively in politics? How helpful and effective is a Jewish lobby in advancing local Jewish interests and benefiting Israel? How are lobbies organised?

Chair : *Herbert Portes* - U. S. A.
Presenters: *Ivan Lawrence QC MP* - U. K. ~~*Baroness Williams*~~
Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman - U. S. A.

Workshop IX : Making the Community more effective at caring

In every synagogue and community, volunteers assist in the work of visiting the sick, caring for the elderly, supporting the bereaved and in a host of other welfare areas. Can we offer such people programmes of training and support structured to enable them to do their work in a manner which is more effective as far as the community is concerned and more rewarding for the volunteers themselves?

Chair : *Dolores Wilkenfeld* - U. S. A.
Presenters: *Judith Dell* - U. K.
Sheila King - Lassman - U. K.

Chair : *Bruria Barish* - Israel
Speakers : *Rabbi Joel Oseran* - Israel. Director of Education, WUPJ
"Israel as a source and resource for worldwide Progressive Jewry in the 21st Century"
Rabbi Mordecai Rotem - Israel. Chairman MARAM
"The Role of the Israeli Progressive Rabbi - renewing the old, sanctifying the new"

2. 45 / **The World Union and Arzenu - Mobilising for the next World Zionist Conference**
3. 30

Chair : *Norma U Levitt* - U. S. A.
Speaker : *Rabbi Michael Boyden* - Israel. Executive Director Arzenu

3. 30 / **Symposium and Discussion** open to both women and men sponsored by the women's
4. 30 organisations of the World Union.

Chair : *Judith M Hertz* - U. S. A. President Women of Reform Judaism, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
Speakers : *Rosalind Preston* - U. K. President, National Council of Women in Great Britain :
"Women of the Future - a Collective Voice"
Rabbi Alexandra Wright - U. K. Radlett and Bushey Reform Synagogue :
"Prophetess, Priestess or Pastoral Counsellor? Women in the Rabbinate"

4. 30 Departure of coaches for hotel

5. 30 / Young Adults Supper at West London Synagogue
7. 30

CONFERENCE SESSION VII

THURSDAY MAY 3rd 1990
West London Synagogue

8. 00 **JEWRY BEYOND THE AGE OF NATIONALISM ?**

1992 marks the beginning of even closer relationships between the nation states of western Europe. The interdependence of countries is growing and some envisage a plethora of common institutions. Are we moving beyond the age of nationalism and what implications is this likely to have for the Jewish people - committed as we are both to our own nation state and to the internationalism of the Diaspora? Our speakers are two of the giants of the Jewish intellectual world today

Chair : *Sir Trevor Chinn* - U. K. Chairman and Chief Executive, Lex Service plc.
Speakers : *Professor George Steiner* - U. K. Professor, English and Comparative Literature, Geneva University; Extraordinary Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge
Professor Emil Fackenheim - Israel. Fellow of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Author "To Mend the World".

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12. 30 - buffet lunch-
Grace: *Lali Ray* - U.K.

also

Luncheon meeting for leaders of women's groups

CONFERENCE SESSION VI

Sternberg Centre for Judaism

1. 45 / **ISRAEL AND PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM IN THE 21st CENTURY- Our Future**

2. 45 The work and Institutions of Progressive Judaism in Israel.

The picture of the present and future is given in two separate presentations. These promise to be thoughtful, provocative and informative. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer forum.

CONFERENCE SESSION VIII

FRIDAY MAY 4th 1990

7. 30 Meeting of the Latin American Federation of the World Union - breakfast meeting at Cumberland Hotel - Austen Restaurant
7. 30 Meeting of the International Board of Leo Baeck Education Centre - breakfast meeting at Cumberland Hotel - Board Room

West London Synagogue

8. 45 Shaharit - Room of Prayer.
Rabbi Jonathan Black - U. K.

9. 30 / 11. 00 **THE PRAYER BOOKS OF PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM a Reflection of Beliefs and Practices**
One of the world's leading experts on Jewish liturgy has been making a special study of the various prayerbooks in use in Progressive communities all over the world. This survey leads to an analysis of the beliefs and practices, as evidenced by our prayerbooks, that we are taking with us into the 21st Century.
Chair : *Rabbi Dr Jonathan Magonet* - U. K.
Speaker : *Rabbi Dr Lawrence A Hoffman* - U. S. A.
Respondents : *Rabbi John Rayner* - U. K.
Rabbi Yehoram Mazor - Israel

11. 00 Coffee will be served in each study room

11. 15 / 12. 30 **Shiurim**
A programme of study leads us towards the Sabbath. The six study sessions, each led by a distinguished teacher, will examine aspects of the liturgy touched upon in Rabbi Hoffman's lecture.
- 1. Shoah**
How does the liturgy grapple with perhaps the most problematical episode of Jewish history?
Teacher : *Rabbi Dr Albert H Friedlander* - U. K.
- 2. Tikkun Olam**
Repairing the world : how is this obligation treated in the liturgy and what part does it play in the balance between particularism and universalism?
Teacher : *Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld* - U.S.A.
- 3. Zion**
Israel in the prayerbook.
Teacher : *Rabbi Jay Brickman* - U.S.A.
- 4. Inclusive Language**
Grappling with the male deity and dominance of the male over the female in liturgical language.
Teacher : *Rabbi Colin Eimer* - U. K.
- 5. Religious Anthropology**
How does our liturgy speak of human nature and of such issues as goodness and sinfulness?
Teacher : *Rabbi Arthur Seltzer* - South Africa

6. Images of God

In what pictures and images does the liturgy approach the Divine Reality?
Teacher : *Rabbi Tovia ben Chorin* - Israel

12. 30 - Buffet lunch -
Grace: *Rabbi Harold Saperstein* - U.S.A.

CONFERENCE SESSION IX

1. 45 - **RESOLUTIONS**
3. 00 This session will be co-led by *David Walsh* - U. K. Vice Chair RSGB and *Rabbi Stanley Davids* - U. S. A. Central Synagogue, New York.
3. 00 - **Business Meeting**
4. 30 Chair: *Donald Day*

SHABBAT

FRIDAY MAY 4th - SATURDAY MAY 5th 1990

EREV SHABBAT

- Arrangements will be made for delegates to receive home hospitality and attend Erev Shabbat services. Visitors will be distributed round a large number of Reform and Liberal synagogues in the Greater London area. This is intended to raise the profile of the World Union and allow the maximum local participation. All visiting rabbis will be invited to guest preach. Hosts will assist with transportation.
7. 30 Young Adults Chavurah

SHABBAT MORNING

11. 00 The Conference service will be held at West London Synagogue and will form part of that community's 150th anniversary celebrations. *Rabbi Dr Hugo Gryn* will preach.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3. 00 Coaches leave from Cumberland Hotel
3. 30 / The World Union returns to the new Liberal Jewish Synagogue for a re-dedication.
5. 00 This will be followed by tea at Loudon Road and return to the hotel by coach

CONFERENCE SESSION X

SATURDAY MAY 5th 1990
West London Synagogue

MOTZEI SHABBAT

7. 00 Delegate Supper / Reception in the Stern Hall
Grace: *Rabbi Jaqueline Tabick* - U.K.
8. 30 Recital given by the Amadeus Piano Trio
10. 15 Havdalah led by the members of RSY-Netzer and ULPSNYC - U. K.
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CONFERENCE SESSION XI - CLOSING SESSION

SUNDAY MAY 6th 1990
Montagu Centre

8. 15 Coach Leaves for Shaharit
9. 00 Coaches leave Cumberland Hotel for closing session
8. 45 Shaharit - Mrs Adina Ben Chorin - Israel
9. 30 **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
Chair : Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto - U. K.. Executive Vice President ULPS
Speaker: Donald Day President World of Union of Progressive Judaism
10. 00 **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE** : a panel discussion
Chair : Rabbi Daniel Syme - U. S. A.
Panel : Pauline Bebe - France
Lydia Kukoff - U. S. A.
Rabbi Clifford M Kulwin - U. S. A.
Rabbi Dr John Levi - Australia
Rabbi Robert Samuels - Israel
After initial presentations, there will be questions and discussions from the floor.
11. 30 **CONFERENCE SUMMARY**
Chair : Richard J Scheuer - U. S. A.
Speaker : Rabbi Tony Bayfield - U. K., Chair Conference Programme Committee
Director of the Sternberg Centre for Judaism
11. 50 **CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION**
by Rabbi Richard Hirsch Executive Director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism
- 12 noon HATIKVAH

POST CONFERENCE

1. 00 TOUR OF JEWISH LONDON led by David Jacobs - U. K. - will leave from Montagu Centre
2. 00 / 9. 00 COLLOQUIUM ON LIBERAL HALAKAH : ESSENCE AND APPLICATION
Speakers include Rabbi John Rayner, Rabbi Moshe Zemer, and Hyam Maccoby.
A paper by Justice Haim Cohn will be read.
Details Rabbi Moshe Zemer 3 Newcombe Court Oxford OX2 7NR Tel 0865 58259

Please note that the programme was correct at the time of going to press. The Programme Committee reserves the right to make changes at any time.

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Were it possible to go back in time and speak to those at the World Union's organizing conference some 70 years ago there would be no end to the questions which could be posed: Did you expect our movement to grow and flourish in 25 countries around the world? Did you hope, or suspect, that one day in a Jewish state, there would be a plucky Progressive movement fighting the same sorts of battles you fought in your day? Did you ever imagine that one day there would be liberal prayerbooks in Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, French, English, Flemish, German and Hebrew, as vernacular languages?

Time Travel, obviously, is not an option available to us, but that certainly won't prevent us from appreciating the growth and development our international movement has experienced. Before we can indulge in that appreciation, however, we first must understand just what the World Union is.

According to its constitution, the purpose of the World Union is "to further the development of Progressive Judaism." The World Union is to be composed of congregations and unions of congregations which find their philosophy in line with the World Union's progressive spirit. A system of governance is established and by-laws and rules instituted.

Today, I would characterize the World Union as the international umbrella organization of what in different countries may be called the Reform, Liberal or Progressive movement. The World Union consists of congregational organizations in six regions (Israel, South America, North America, Europe, South Africa and Australasia) as well as individual congregations in isolated locales like Hong Kong, India and Central America. The Governing Body of the World Union meets on a regular basis and international conferences are held every two years, with alternating conferences generally held in Israel and Europe.

From its founding in the 1920s through the post-war period World Union headquarters remained in London. With the ascendancy of the North American Jewish Community World Union leadership felt the interests of the movement would best be served by moving the office to New York, a move which occurred in 1953. New York was the center

of the World Union for twenty years, the period during which its Executive Directors were Rabbis Hugo Gryn and William Rosenthal.

In 1973, with the appointment of Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch as Executive Director, the international movement made a strong statement of its Zionist commitment by relocating its headquarters to Jerusalem. Today, the office is housed there in the World Union's World Education Center/Beit Shmuel complex. The World Union also retains offices in New York and London.

It is self-evident to say that the World Union is the liberal Jewish voice in the international Jewish community. In terms of actual activity, the past decades have seen great efforts made, in the words of the Constitution, "to further the development of Progressive Judaism," in the two great areas of world Jewry: Israel and the Diaspora.

For many years, but particularly since the headquarters moved to Jerusalem, the World Union has put great effort into building the Progressive movement in Israel. To cite but one example of that growth the number of Progressive synagogues has grown from three to twenty-four in the last seventeen years. The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism's profile has been so elevated that in

a recent study commissioned by the Israeli Ministry of Religion 10% of the adult Jewish population in Israel identified itself as Progressive.

Rabbi Hirsch himself has become a leading figure in Israeli society. At the last congress of the World Zionist Organization he was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Zionist General Council, a post which just a few years ago would have been unthinkable for any Reform Jew to attain, let alone a Rabbi.

In the Diaspora the World Union has a long tradition of establishing new congregations and sending Sh'lirim to develop the movement in areas where World Union leaders feel it is underrepresented. In the 1930s World Union emissary Rabbi Moses Cyrus Weiler went to South Africa and the 100,000 strong Southern African Union for Progressive Judaism is the result of his work.

In South America, the World Union sent Rabbi Heinrich Lemle to Rio de Janeiro in 1940 and Rabbi Haim Asa to Buenos Aires twenty years later. Two

large, strong congregations, the Associacao Religiosa Israelita and Congregacion Emanuel, are the result.

During the last five years new congregations have either been founded or brought into the World Union family in New Zealand, Hong Kong, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica and France. New activities include a youth exchange programme now in its fourth year, which recently brought fifty-five teenagers from Latin America to North America and a series of rabbinic and lay missions which have visited Central America, South Africa and South America.

The Soviet Union is the current focus of a special World Union effort. The Russian language newspaper Rodnik, produced by the World Union Soviet Jewry Affairs office in Jerusalem, is widely distributed in Israel, North America, Europe and the Soviet Union. Russian-speaking Rabbi Robert Feinberg has made two recent visits to the Soviet Union and, as of this writing, we are hopeful his efforts are about to result in the formal establishment of Congregation Hineni, and its recognition by the Soviet Ministry which treats matters of religion.

What will the World Union's future bring? Certainly, continued efforts in Israel and the Diaspora are needed. While the institutional framework of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism is quite full, we need to support the IMPJ's efforts to bring large numbers of Israelis into the congregations, schools and other meeting places of the movement. We need to help our colleagues continue the fight for civil and religious rights for all Israelis, a fight which they have been waging since the early days of the movement.

In the Diaspora, we must recognize that while the World Union has made great strides in bringing more and more congregations into the movement, much work remains to be done. There is certainly space for a much greater liberal presence in Latin America. In France, while the World Union-affiliated synagogues are large and active, we can really only say that the movement has just begun

to scratch the surface of that Jewish community of more than 600,000 people. And as events in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe continue to unfold, we can only as yet begin to determine just what final form the liberal effort there should take. We associated with the World Union can certainly feel pride in our history. Great have been our accomplishments, and world Jewry has certainly benefitted by our actions. But rather than rest on our laurels, let us strive to have even more of an impact in the future. Truly, our history is proud. Let us hope it challenges us to make our future even prouder.

Donald Day
President

*18 countries rep here
incl: Hungary, Pol, USSR
c. 500 delegates*

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EUROPEAN BOARD OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

The European Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism includes in its constituency the continental area of Europe, the United Kingdom and Israel. Its current President is Haim Golan of Zurich and Rabbi Hugo Gryn of London is the Chairman. The purpose of the Board is to co-ordinate, develop and, where possible, initiate Progressive Jewish activity in its area of influence. Its ongoing activities are managed by an Executive and the administration is run by a small office under the supervision of Joe Barnett, the Honorary Secretary of the Board, with the help of part-time secretary.

The European Board has two meetings each year in one of its various constituencies. The meeting usually begins on a Thursday with a Rabbinic Kallah. Erev Shabbat is spent in the Synagogue and the homes of the local community. After the morning service on Shabbat the rest of the day is taken up with a study session, often with a prestigious guest speaker. The opportunity is taken at this time to bring the message of the World Union to the local community. Business affairs of the Board are conducted on the Friday and Sunday.

The constituents of the Board include the Progressive representative organisations of each affiliated country, together with Synagogues which are not part of a particular organisation, and individual bodies such as the Leo Baeck College and The Manor House. There is also a Young Adults section and The Friends of Progressive Judaism in

Israel & Europe, which is the charitable fundraising arm of the Board. The latter has distributed approximately £40,000 to various Progressive Jewish activities in Israel in the current financial year. It has also helped to support the Young Adults section in what is probably the most exciting current activity. Through their own initiative and considerable hard work the Young Adults have begun the process of developing a centre for Progressive Judaism in Budapest. Their activities have involved making contacts with contemporaries in Hungary and reawakening their Jewish awareness. They have organised Seder Services and Young Adults from Hungary have been sponsored to attend the Leo Baeck College Summer Study courses. As a result of these initiatives there is a buzz of Jewish activity taking place in Budapest which could not have been anticipated two years ago. Much credit is due to the dedicated people of the Young Adults section.

The opening up of Eastern European countries has produced a new and important challenge which must be addressed by us. It presents opportunities of getting the message of Progressive Judaism into areas where until recently religion has been barely tolerated. Hopefully all the constituent members of the European Board will be involved in these tasks and it will be the privilege of its Executive to co-ordinate these activities. With this challenge before us, the future of the European Board is most exciting.

J. S. Rose
Vice Chairman
European Board

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

The history of the Jews in our countries begins with the arrival in Sydney Cove of the "First Fleet" bringing convicts from England, amongst them at least nine Jewish men and women. For those who are interested in history, recommended reading is the fascinating account given in "Genesis" co-authored by our Senior Rabbi, Dr. John S. Levi. This small beginning was assisted by the wave of immigration caused by the goldrush years. During that period the oldest still existing Synagogues were built in Hobart and Ballarat. Progressive Services are now held regularly at the Hobart Synagogue. In the following years Jewish merchants and tradesmen spread across Australia and New Zealand and established Congregations not only in the capital cities but also in flourishing country towns.

Progressive Judaism began in the 1930s with a small Congregation in Melbourne. The immigration of Central European Jews fleeing from the Nazis brought a fair proportion of progressive Jews with it. It led to the building of Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne which under the leadership of Rabbi Dr. H. Sanger became the mother Congregation of Australia and New Zealand. Soon after this, Temple Emanuel in Sydney followed and during the immigration wave after World War II, Progressive Congregations sprang up from Perth in the west to Brisbane and the Goldcoast in the east and Auckland and Wellington in New Zealand and since last year Dunedin.

The highlight of the development of our Congregations is the accent on Jewish education which culminated in the establishment of vigorous

progressive Jewish Day Schools in Melbourne and Sydney.

Our Congregations range in size from big (up to 2000 members) to small (around 100 members). There are also some smaller groups forming in country towns and outer suburbs of the main cities. We are trying to give support services but we are limited in our efforts by the distances involved, the number of Rabbis and the heavy workload they are undertaking already for their own congregations as well as Netzer, Arzi and communal work. Of our twelve Congregations, four do not have a Rabbi and rely on lay leadership. Our aim is to give them all available support until they will be able to have (and afford) a Rabbi. In the meantime, following the well worn adage that God helps those who help themselves, we have started a special fund to assist those of our youngsters studying for the Rabbinate and we hope that we will in the future receive some measure of support in this respect. Australia and New Zealand over the years has developed its own kind of Progressive Judaism, free of the extremes one can sometimes find. Our members are comfortable in this and while our numbers are growing only slowly, the last few years have seen a considerable development in activities with an accent on Torah studies and regular study groups on Jewish themes and adult education. We hope that this spirit will overflow to the point of forming new Congregations with additional members. This will help us in turn to play a more important role in our communities and at the same time help our communities to win back those who now are wavering on the brink of leaving the fold.

GUNTER LESH
President

SAUPJ THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

The SAUPJ (Southern African Union for Progressive Judaism) is the umbrella body serving Progressive Judaism in Southern Africa. It is the Southern African constituent of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The SAUPJ has as constituents eleven congregations in eight cities in South Africa plus a congregation in Harare Zimbabwe. In addition the Southern African Union of Temple Sisterhoods, Nezer Neginim South Africa, the Democratic Zionist Association and the Alan Isaac's camp (with a property in Margate) are affiliated to the SAUPJ. Amongst its activities the SAUPJ assists with the placement of Rabbis, grants to student Rabbis and the organisation of Kallot and national conferences. Kedem is the national journal of the SAUPJ. The SAUPJ is affiliated to the National Jewish bodies in South Africa - the SA Jewish Board of Deputies and the SA Zionist Federation. Encour-

agement is provided through financial support and otherwise to Maginim, the National Progressive Jewish Youth Movement. The Democratic Zionist Association, whilst not being a solely Progressive Jewish Zionist Political party, is representative of the interest of Progressive Judaism in South Africa in Zionist political circles.

The SAUPJ has been very active in organising interchanges of ideas, visits with the WUPJ and in particular its North American Constituent. Over the past years there has been a fruitful interchange of discussions of the significant problems affecting South Africa and the attitudes of North American Jewry and the World Union especially with respect to disinvestment and sanctions. The SAUPJ reaches out to the community in general through a wide variety of social activities including schools, clinics and feeding schemes.

REFORM IN BRITAIN : 150 YEARS OLD AND LOOKING CONFIDENTLY TO THE FUTURE

RSGB is delighted, after 23 years, to join once again with the ULPS in welcoming a World Union Conference to London. We hope that, together with all our friends from around the world, we can make this 25th Conference an historic occasion marking 150 years of Reform achievement in this country and seeing the Progressive Movement looking with strength and confidence towards the future.

The Reform understanding of Judaism as expressed within the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, sees each period of Jewish history as having an obligation to find ways appropriate to its own time of keeping the 3000 year old chain of Jewish tradition intact. Only in this way can the immediacy and relevance of Jewish teaching be retained from generation to generation.

From its early manifestations in the 19th century, the Reform Movement underlined the centrality of the Prophetic message in Judaism. Today's RSGB gives equal weight to the integral place of practice and observance in helping the individual come closer to God and strengthening their bonds with 'Klal Yisrael', the entirety of the Jewish People. With a continuing stress on social justice, and the duty and responsibility we bear for and towards each other, the Movement in this country has sought to find a balance between teaching and observance in Jewish life; it emphasises that the value of observance and ritual lies in their ability to lead the individual towards ethical behaviour and a practice of Judaism in which knowledge and understanding are paramount.

Steady Growth

This approach to Judaism has led to the steady growth of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain,

the number of its communities and the size of its membership. Some forty congregations spread throughout the country make RSGB the second largest synagogue grouping in the U.K., comprising over 42,000 men, women and children, almost one in six of all synagogue members in this country.

Through its corporate strength and the democratic machinery of its Conference, Council and Executive, through the services of RSGB's central organisation, its conferences, seminars and the work of specialist committees, our family of congregations is a source of strength to each community. It enables them to act together, in particular, to establish and obtain recognition for the place of Reform synagogues and their members in the wider community and to rebuff those who would question the legitimacy of our expression of Judaism. RSGB's Northern and Southern Regional groupings of synagogues provide opportunities for provincial communities to meet together on a geographical basis, to organise regional conferences and seminars and develop area activities and educational resources, in areas where opposition to the Movement is often at its most virulent.

Matters of Status

In matters of Jewish status: RSGB remains committed to the traditional transmission of that status through the mother; following a minimum of one year's tuition, those who wish to join themselves to the Jewish People, before coming to the Beth Din, are required to undergo 'Tvilah', immersion and 'Brit Milah', circumcision; for divorcees to remarry in a synagogue a 'get' is required, but where a husband proves intransigent the RSGB Beth Din will effectively annul the previous marriage, issuing a document in place of the 'get'. The working of the Beth Din is supervised by the RSGB

Assembly of Rabbis which comprises the serving rabbis of each RSGB congregation. As well as providing general religious guidance to the Movement, the Assembly oversees the continuing programme of prayerbook revision carried out by Rabbi Lionel Blue and Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Magonet, who have so far been responsible for editing and compiling two outstanding volumes - a Daily and Sabbath Siddur and a High Holyday Mahzor.

Rejecting the secondary status to which, for all practical purposes, tradition relegated women in synagogue life, RSGB has worked steadily towards establishing their full equality. In progressing towards this goal Reform Synagogue Guilds, formerly the RSGB Association of Women's Guilds, has been an important factor. Today women play leading roles as rabbis, as synagogue lay leaders and as senior officers of RSGB, as well as playing a full and equal part in the ritual of the synagogue.

Reform Synagogue Youth - RSY-Netzer - is one of the foremost Jewish youth organisations in this country. Under the guidance of RSGB's Youth Department and its professional youth workers, activities are organised both centrally and regionally. In any one year there will be some thousands of participants in RSY's central and regional programmes, its holiday camps and Israel schemes. RSY Netzer has been built around an ideological commitment to Reform Judaism, Reform Zionism and to 'Tikkun Olam', the improvement of the world in which we live. Religious commitment is a hallmark of its leadership and of the content of its programmes.

The Place of Israel

Israel occupies an important place in the work of RSGB. Progressive Jews for Israel works among our members and those of the ULPS to promote an understanding of Israel's situation in the Middle East, a recognition of the need to support Israel financially and to help sustain the growing Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and to present Aliyah as an option for individual Reform Jewish fulfillment. RSGB's Exodus Campaign for Soviet Jewry has been the leading synagogue campaign in this country. It has maintained a constant stream of visitors to the Soviet Union and currently has a

rota of rabbis visiting Moscow to teach Judaism and RSY Netzer leadership groups are visiting various cities to teach youthwork.

An expression of the ethical and Prophetic emphasis in Reform is found in the work of RSGB's Social Issues Group, which seeks to apply and demonstrate the relevance of classical Jewish teaching to the many problems confronting contemporary society. Whether it be the need to work against racism either in South Africa or in our own midst, the duty to take steps to minimise the damage being done to the environment, to ease the plight of the homeless or the place of women in Judaism, the Social Issues Group seeks to demonstrate through teaching and action the relevance of Torah to the problems of our time.

Today's Reform Synagogue is a religiously based community centre. The synagogue has to take on an increasingly complex role if it is to serve *all* of its members and prove relevant to *all* Jews, not only those living in conventional family patterns. This means that guidance and support need to be available to synagogue leaders regarding management of the modern synagogue and training must be on offer to ensure that the support which members give to each other, at times of need, is done with a greater degree of skill and expertise. In both of these areas RSGB has begun to provide increasing central support for synagogue leadership.

New Funding Policy

RSGB is funded through the contribution of a proportion of all synagogue membership subscriptions to the central body - the percentage being decided annually by the member synagogues in General Meeting. Much of this money goes towards funding two of the major institutions of the Movement: the Leo Baeck College founded by RSGB in 1956 and CJE, the Centre for Jewish Education. The Advancement of Jewish Education Trust has developed and enhanced what were RSGB's educational resources in London and Manchester, and brought in the former education department of the ULPS, to create in CJE a first-class education agency. The Leo Baeck College and CJE provide for the combined rabbinic and

educational needs of Reform and Liberal synagogues.

As it has grown, the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain and its members have made an increasing contribution to the life of British Jewry, its institutions and organisations. RSGB has its headquarters at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism. In 1981 it was the senior partner in the foundation of the Manor House Trust. The Trust manages the Centre and has been responsible under the leadership of Rabbi Tony Bayfield, for creating a remarkable programme of educational, cultural and communal activity. The Centre represents an exercise in communal cooperation probably unparalleled in the Jewish World.

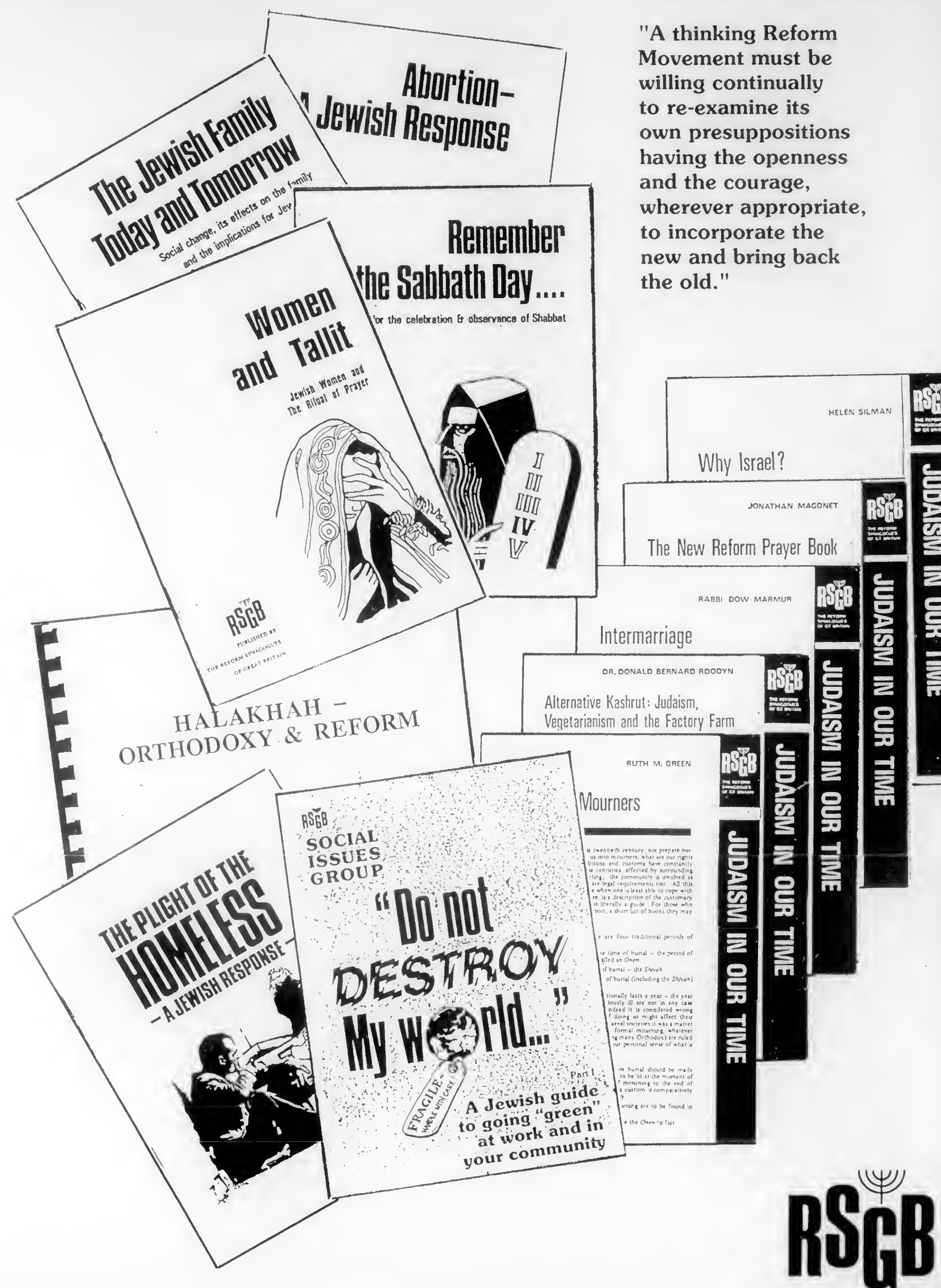
Readiness for the Year 2000

Towards the end of last year RSGB congregations adopted a new and far-reaching corporate plan which requires them to make a considerably increased financial commitment to the overall future development of the Reform Movement in Britain. This is designed to ensure that RSGB enters the 21st Century with a religious approach and an organisational structure capable of making a major contribution to the future health and vitality of the Jewish community. Through the World Union for Progressive Judaism we hope to continue to be an important voice in the Movement worldwide, helping to make a modern understanding of Judaism available to all who seek it.

Raymond M. Goldman
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Panel Discussion at the
1989 ULPS Biennial
Conference 'Liberal Judaism
in an Illiberal Age'

The Officers, Council and members of the Union of Liberal and Progressive synagogues are delighted to be part of the host communities which welcome to London the delegates to this 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

For us, the World Union has a particular significance for not only was this important international movement founded by our own prime founder, the Hon Lily Montagu, but that very act of foundation took place, in 1926, in the building of the first and leading congregation of ULPS, the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood. So it is particularly meaningful that on two occasions in this Conference week, we shall be visiting buildings that represent the ongoing renewal of Liberal Judaism in this country. On Saturday afternoon, 5th May, there is an opportunity to see the magnificent new building of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, now nearing its final stages and in particular to see the new sanctuary. On Sunday 6th May, the closing sessions of the Conference take place in Lily Montagu's own congregation, now currently the headquarters of the ULPS itself. This building, now nearing the end of its life, is soon to be demolished and will make way for a new several storey building on its site which will house both the synagogue and the ULPS, as well as domestic apartments.

While we would have liked you to have joined us in a magnificent new building - and hopefully you will do so some time in the future - it is also appropriate that our Conference will close in a building which itself is soon to make way for a new era in Liberal Jewish life in England.

On Shabbat eve, many delegates will also be visiting Liberal and Progressive communities around the London Area and we hope that there will be an opportunity to meet many of our "grass roots" members in those of our 27 communities that are near enough for travel. Our communities are busy and thriving symbols of a form of Judaism that is unfortunately still a minority in this country, but which has an influence way beyond its proportion.

Enhanced by a magnificent liturgy and a dedicated rabbinate, set in a framework of committed leaders, both voluntary and professional, with active

programmes of worship, study, care, concern and fellowship, many of these congregations, with the encouragement of the national body, are now engaged on a programme of internal development to spread the message of Liberal Judaism. This complements the ULPS national programme of seeking to form communities in parts of the country where no Progressive communities have existed up to now.

Our future is particularly promising because of the passion and concern for the continuation of our form of Judaism shown by our youth movement, ULPSNYC (Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues Network of Youth Clubs) which is open to all young people between 8 and 21.

Through its varied educational programmes ULPSNYC endeavours to foster Jewish identity and an understanding of and belief in Progressive Judaism. It also seeks to educate its members about Israel, to foster a love and interest for the country. In line with this policy ULPSNYC is affiliated to the Zionist Federation.

A variety of trips to Israel are arranged for people in the 16-18 age group; these include leadership tours and Kibbutz schemes. Post 'A' level students who wish to take a year off before going on to university are invited to apply for a place on a youth leadership course in Israel known as the Machon. Alternatively, there are other year programmes of a less intensive nature.

Social concern forms a very important part of ULPSNYC's programme and the movement is affiliated to Amnesty International and Jews Against Apartheid. Considerable support is shown by ULPSNYC by visits to the Soviet Union, to meet refuseniks. On their return the participants run programmes on their experiences at synagogues and youth groups; youth club activities, residential and synagogue based weekends covering all age groups, form the cornerstone of ULPSNYC's yearly programme.

ULPSNYC offers a welcome to all who wish to explore their Jewish identity, take part in educational programmes, have fun and the opportunity of companionship and make lasting friendships in a Jewish environment.



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It is appropriate on many levels for Leo Baeck College to be one of the hosts for the World Union Conference in London. The development of the European Progressive Movement is intimately linked to the College. The founders of the College saw their task as providing Rabbis for the growing Progressive Movements in the United Kingdom as well as playing their part in rebuilding a post-war European Jewish world. The founding teachers, in the circle around Rabbi Dr Leo Baeck, a former President of the World Union, bequeathed to us our own unique blend of reverence for tradition together with academic freedom, of Jewish learning combined with pastoral skills, of commitment to the Jewish people as well as to dialogue with the outside world.

In this, the 34th year of the College, we will ordain our 100th graduate. Leo Baeck trained Rabbis form the majority of the Rabbinat of the Progressive Movements in the United Kingdom, as well as serving in France, Holland, Switzerland and Germany, North America and Canada, Australia, South Africa and Israel.

Our relocation from a few rooms at West London Synagogue to the Sternberg Centre has been a major step in establishing the College. Our library has been enhanced this year by the bequest of the 5,000 volumes of the Joshua Podro Library. The magazine "European Judaism" is now our official publication, distributed worldwide through Pergamon Press. Perhaps the most exciting of our

recent achievements has been our accreditation by the Council for National Academic Awards so that we can now offer BA (Hons) and MA degrees in Jewish Studies, and supervise on their behalf MPhil and PhD degrees.

As we enter the nineties we face two particular challenges. The first is the recruitment of young men and women for the Rabbinic programme. To this end we are launching at this Conference a recruitment brochure, in French and English, made possible by matching funding from the World Union and the congregations of continental Europe.

The second issue relates to the enormous changes currently taking place in Eastern Europe. The College has welcomed young Hungarian students for short-term courses and is looking to develop short and long-term programmes to make our contribution to this exciting new development.

As Principal of the College I have also a personal commitment to the World Union that makes this occasion doubly enjoyable. It was during my two years as Chair of the Youth Section of the World Union that I became committed to the Rabbinat. Even then it seemed clear that the future of the Movement in Europe lay with the quality of Rabbis who could be found and trained by Leo Baeck College. It is therefore a privilege at this Conference to be able to welcome you to share our success and to help realise the College motto: To give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

THE STERNBERG CENTRE FOR JUDAISM

The Sternberg Centre is both the symbol and reality of the highly significant growth of Progressive Judaism in Britain in the 1980s. Acquired in 1981, the now renovated 18th century Manor House at the heart of a seven acre site was originally the Manor of Finchley and latterly a convent and convent school. It is now the largest Jewish centre in Europe and offers unique programmes and facilities to Britain's Jewish population, over half of whom live within a 12-mile radius. It is owned by the Manor House Trust, whose chairman, Peter Levy, is the project's "founding father".

The Sternberg Centre serves three functions. First, it is home to a number of important organisations. It houses the headquarters of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, the larger of Britain's two Progressive Movements and without whom the Sternberg Centre would never have come about. Although the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues is not housed at the Sternberg Centre, the ULPS makes significant use of many of the Centre's programmes and participates in a number of its organisations. The Centre is also home to the Leo Baeck College, to Akiva School and to the New North London Synagogue (Masorti). You will find information about most of these organisations elsewhere in the brochure. The Sternberg Centre provides them with a unique environment - lovely grounds, a Biblical garden, a bookshop and a cafeteria, which also provides work experience and training for young people with learning difficulties.

Secondly, the Centre provides a number of specialist services to both the RSGB and the ULPS. The Centre for Jewish Education - which also has branches at the Montagu Centre and in Manchester - provides educational consultancy, training and resources to all Progressive synagogues nationwide. SATMAH - Students at the Manor House - offers seminars, Friday nights, shiurim, a book club and a counselling service to Progressive Jewish Students and Satmah's Student Activities

Co-ordinator is a frequent visitor to campuses throughout the country. Outreach is a programme offering training to volunteer carers in the community and also provides group work for a range of human situations. A further specialist service has been the training and development of the Association of Reform and Liberal mohalim.

Last but by no means least, the Centre is a broadly-based Jewish intellectual, educational and cultural centre, offering a wide range of programmes to the Jewish general public. The Manor House Society offers an extensive cultural programme with art exhibitions, concerts, lunchtime recitals, symposia and many other activities. The Society publishes MANNA, the Centre's quarterly magazine. The last year has witnessed the remarkable growth of Plus U and Plus U2 - social clubs for the unattached. The Centre also boasts the London Museum of Jewish Life, Britain's only museum of Anglo-Jewish social history. Currently housed in rather cramped quarters at the top of the Manor House building, we have plans to rehouse the Museum more appropriately in the 'Stable Block'. The Centre is also at the forefront of interfaith work and its Dialogue Group has had a significant impact on Jewish-Christian relations in the U.K. A recent seminar for medics and rabbis has paved the way for the establishment of a medical ethics society.

When the Manor House project was first mooted, World Union Executive Director Rabbi Richard Hirsch was one of its strongest advocates. He understood the financial problems and it was clear that they would never go away. He urged us to seize the opportunity and live with the benefits and deficits! He was right. Catastrophically underfunded and beset by constant financial shortages, the Sternberg Centre has nevertheless achieved a great deal during the 1980's. With God's help and with the assistance of further generous donors, there is little limit to what the Centre can go on to achieve in the 1990's.

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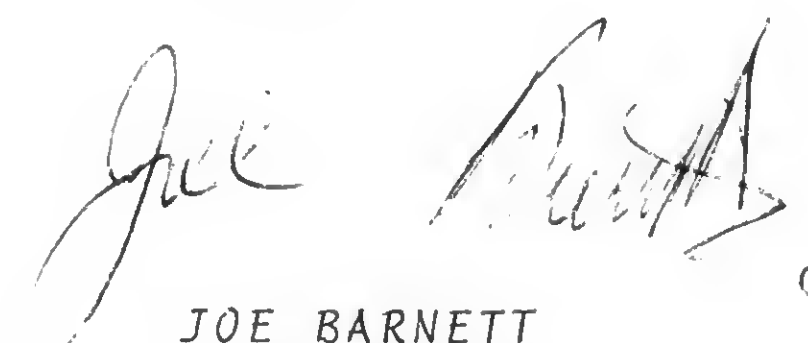
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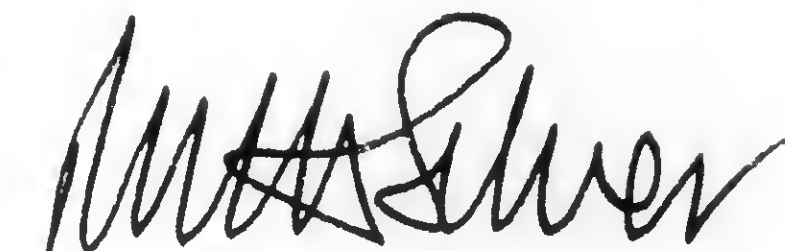
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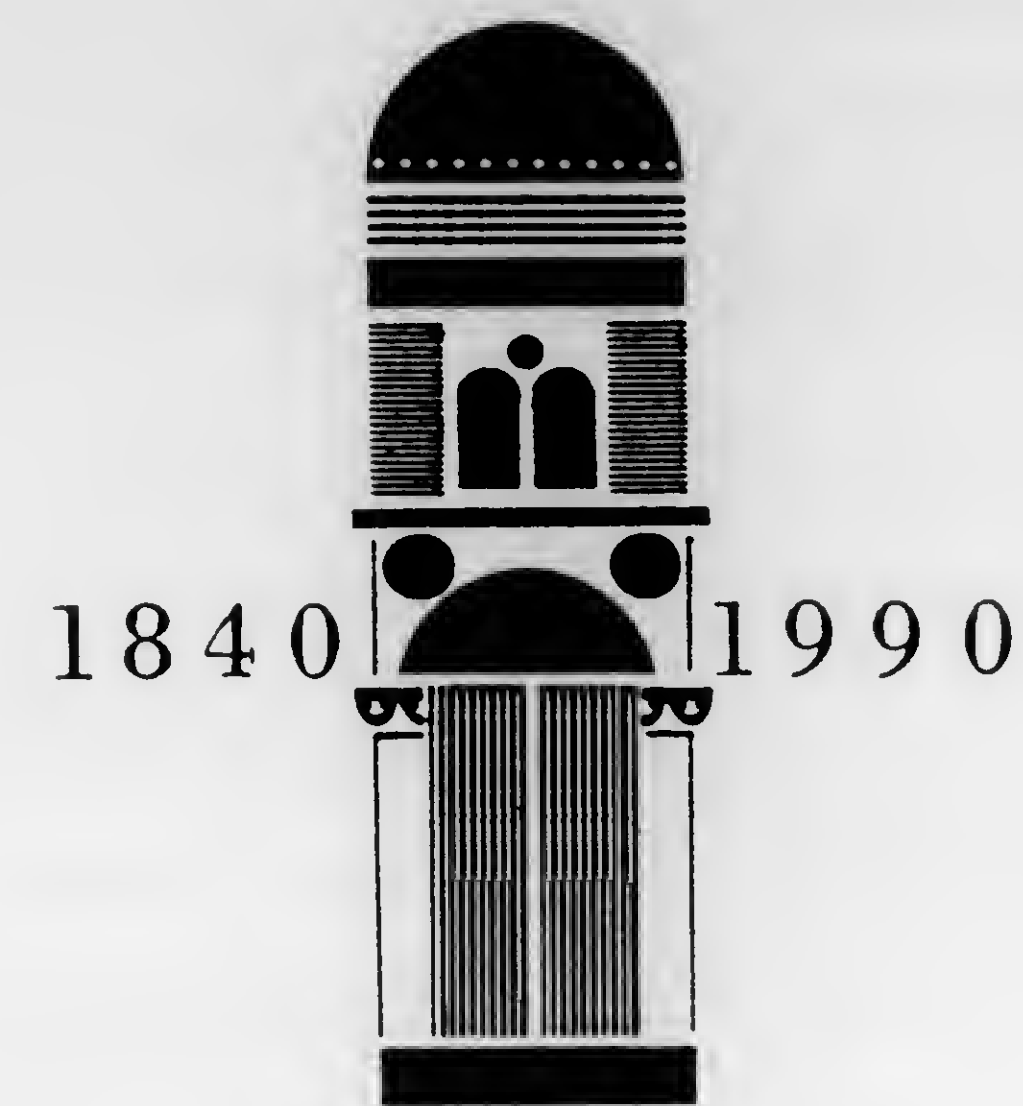
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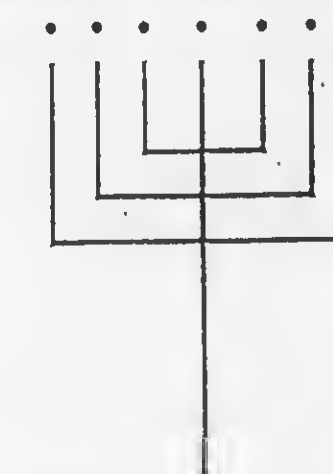
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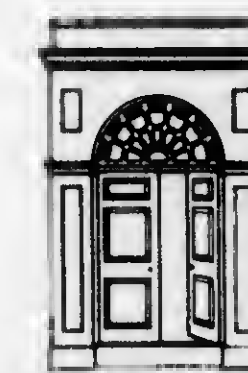
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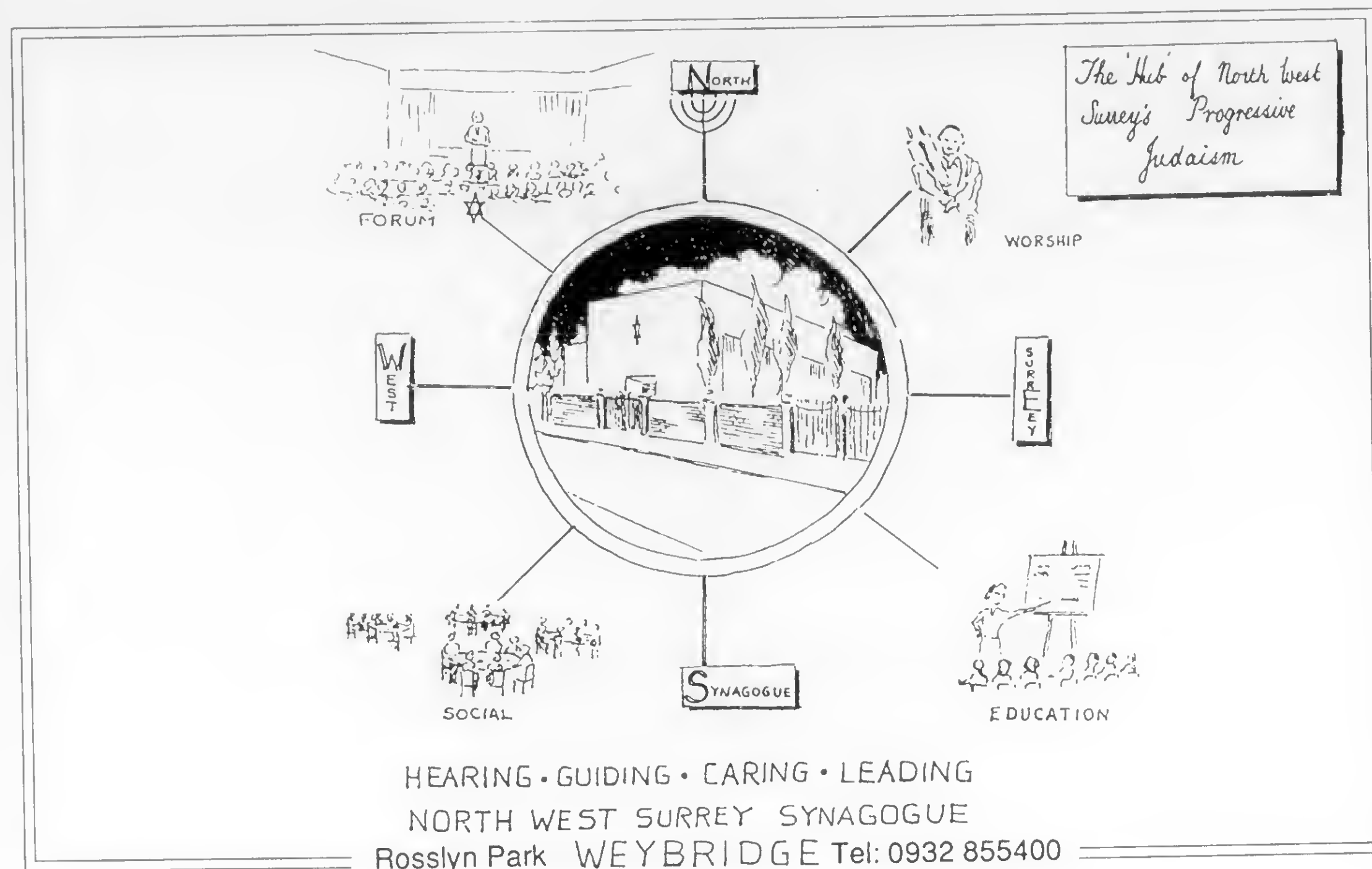
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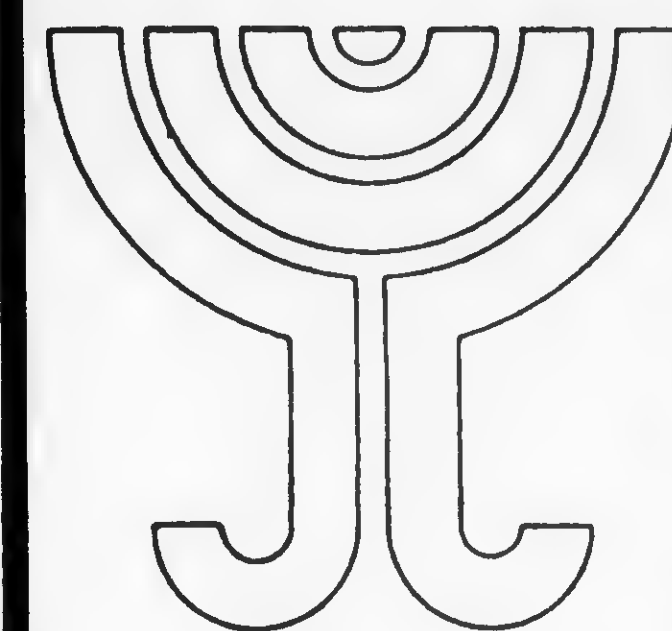


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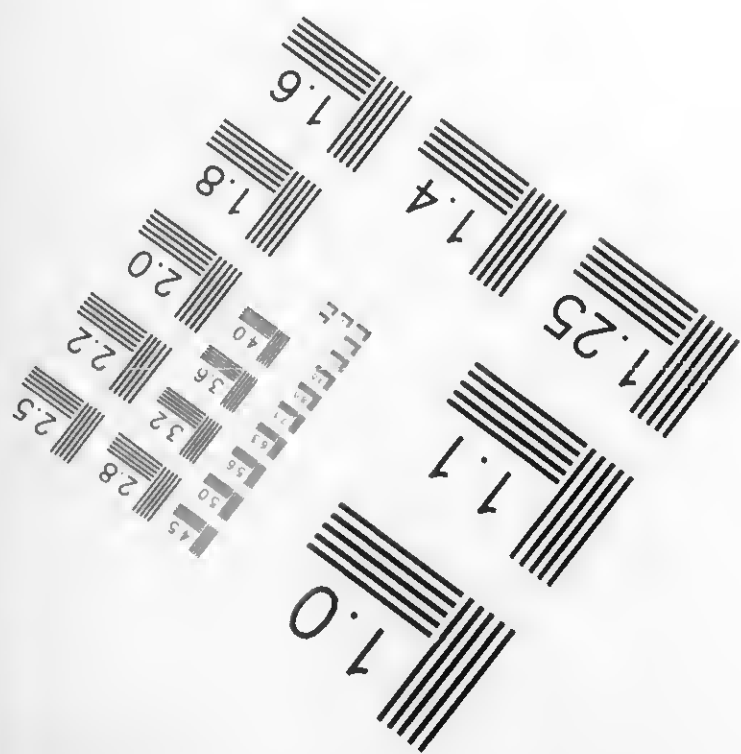
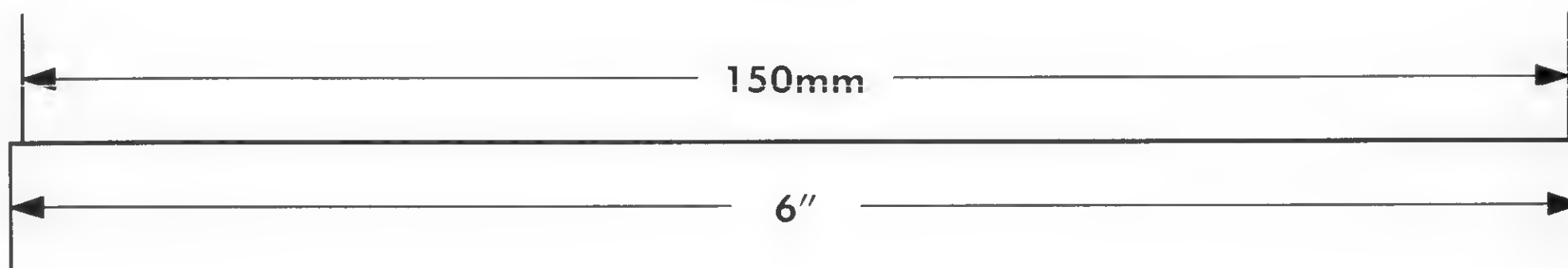
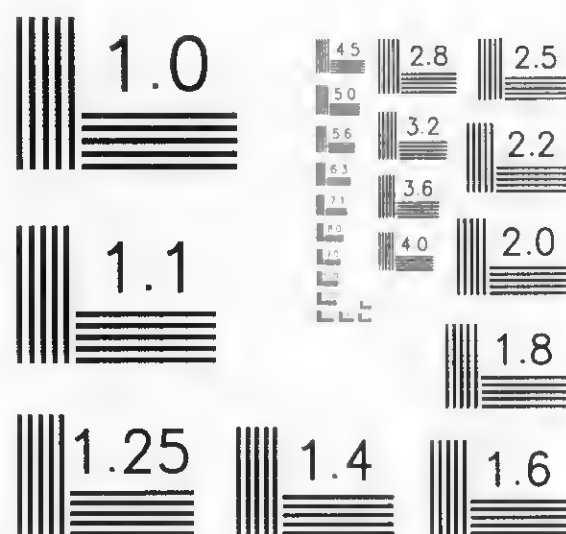
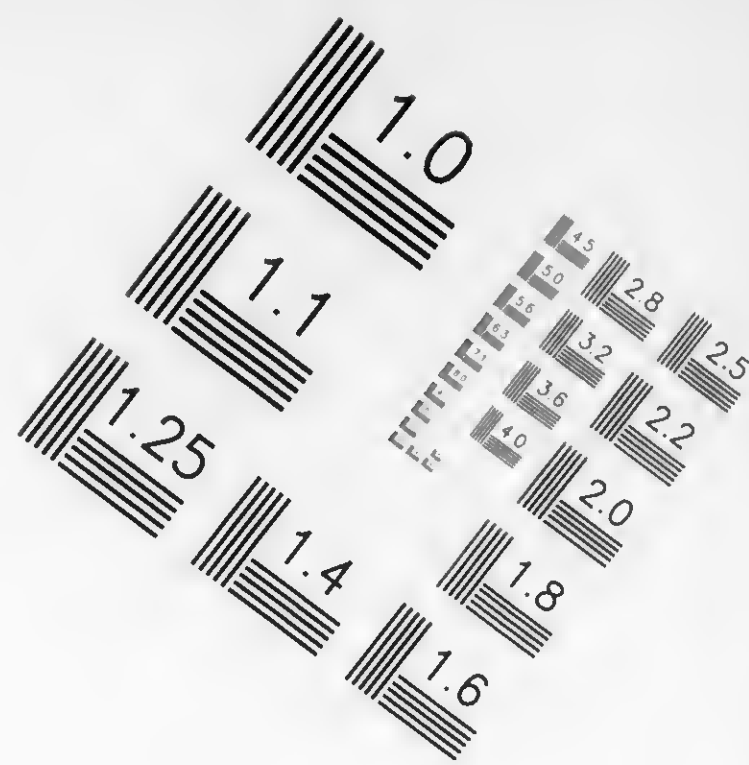
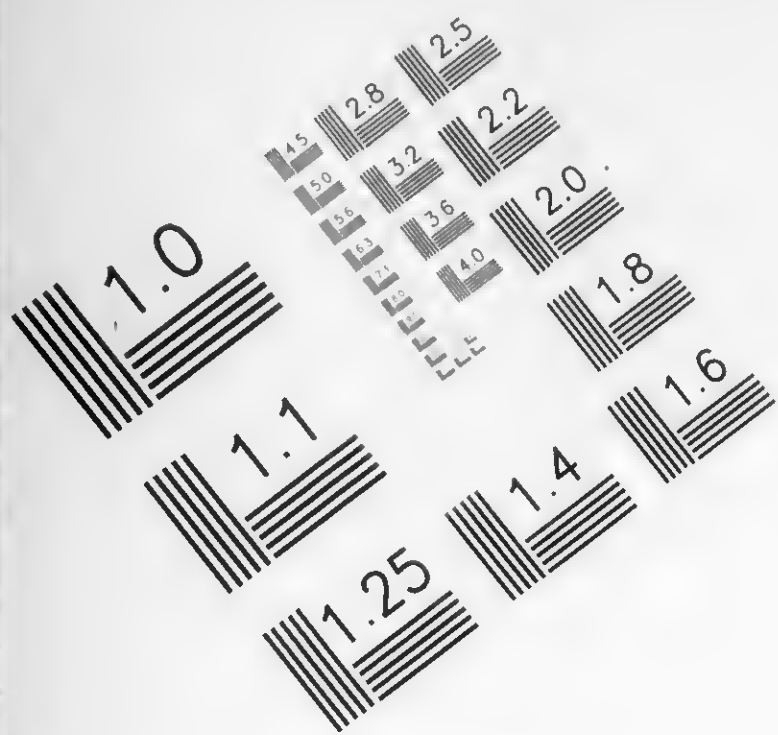
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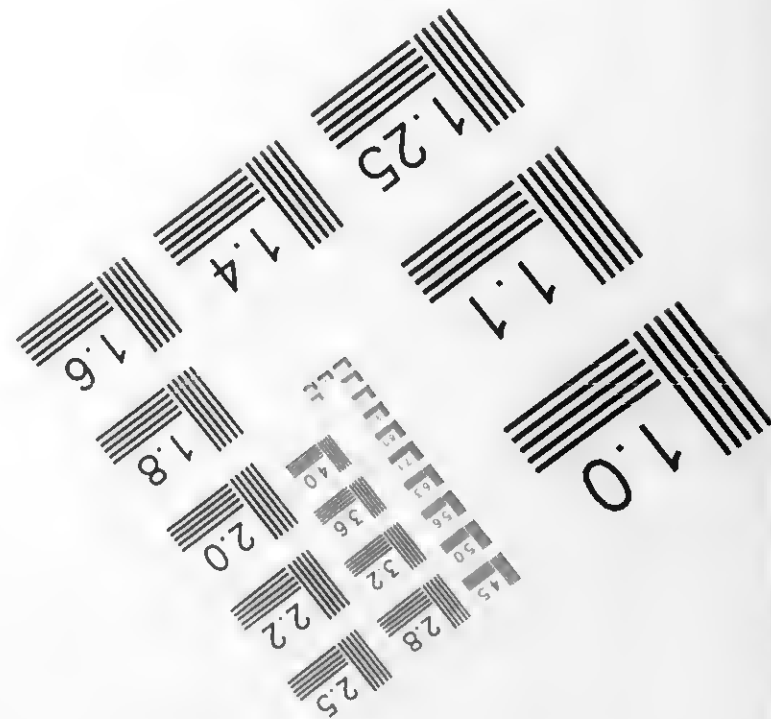
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